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Dec 25
1827 Joel Brigham Dr
To 4. Glass of Wine — 25

Wood
11 — 6 6 —
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3 — 6

The Standing Committee D.=

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1 Do - R -
1 Do - M
1 D - H

Flood Wood Camp

2 - Battes - Rum & Sugar

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½ — Do — R.
1 — D — W
½ — D — G
2 Packs Cards for numbers — 2/3
1 B — W
½ — D — R
½ — D — R
½ — D — W
1 — B — W
1 — B — W
2 D — W

N. Room
2. Bottles Beer —

David Sheldon & Co
B. Cash Paid writing for Book $0,12½

Guy Sherwood & Co

Jan 24th Mr Henry Shattuck Dr Paid
1826 to six cords Tryption yard at 1,75 per 10.70
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Hotel Book No 21, from January 1st 1847 to March 15

1847 January 1. Chicago Illinois cloudy, foggy & rainy. Still in the same hotel.

In commencing my Journal or Hotel Book, I am aware that I have already written more than ever my most patient friends will ever forgive. But as I write for my own amusement in my lonely leisure, I care not for the public. I shall continue them, finally that, at least, they enable me to keep a sort of calendar of the days and Months, which like a seaman's logbook shows the ship's way and its various occurring incidents; since our political ship is now on a perilous voyage among shoals, rifts & ice bergs, under cloudy and lowering skies with

wha

2. who will give me an Occasional
July 1st recording, those are celestial & serene days, there seems to be a delightful motion for extending my Journal. I shall then
Same continued have with the wind, storms, rain heavy-breaths & gusts of the ship, with its appropriate adjuncts & variations of gayer hues, &c.

In penning my remarks & observations by what influence off hand shots, I may sometimes repeat ideas and sentiments previously given; but if they are pertinent of the time, I shall consider them not superfluously ~~[illegible]~~ on glance

In my remarks on the use with source, believing it to be wholly unnecessary, and unauthorized by the spirit of Parchment. Both cause his freedom, I have been free in my reflections & its turbitude; cause of this

Jerrold as it bears this character, and
[illegible] beauty support
I have far consequence with
tame timid [illegible] against justice cross could
nothing to the glory of a soul
like, which procures it.
But be it never so
unjust, a certain portion of
community will be ready
to support it, especially the
young and inconsiderate. They
learn of the military exploits
of this person & general pattern,
and without the least know
ledge of the French life or bra
vous of course, they are shown
at with the pageant, and
without reflection, rush on
to the <u>melee</u>. But generally
a little time serve, turns
them thoughts to their homes,
and they, too late report of
their temerity.
Dreary a space of thirty years
a new race of men, ignorance of
[illegible] many lies

4...
Jenny
1.

And nothing but the shaft of error and its [illegible] but lies are incessantly been thrown in the public traps. Now the noisy clamor you answer that the cure is popular; but let it be recollected that he generally keeps himself out of harm's way. In my few then remarks, I shall endeavor to convince fair justice to those patriots, who expose prostitute the welfare & profession of their country to their seditious designs.

In the perfidy of the day, we often see fortunes to rise, this courses on earth, Demons, with hiffs from their learned cottages: but like the flowers of a meteor they sink into oblivion. When I enter the profession, it is with a view of showing the inhuman of minds who dabble with science beyond their capacity.

In fortune we shine brightest

Jump on the radical principles which
1. would otherwise would intro
Conclude, must which, if carried
time} out through the mass, would
prostrate all that is valuable
in our government, and its in-
stitutions. Dealing with a
wise written Constitution infamous
man been away, the part of hero
is a private station.

2. Saturday. Mass. cloudy and
cool. N.E. last night some rain.
Weather particularly fine.

Desertions from the army

At List of 7.6 desertions from the
U.S. army, it is stated, has been pub
lished in New York City papers,
by the Adjutant General, and
30 dollars each, offered as a
reward. This is a specimen of
the calculating spirit so rife in
the Northern States.

Mr. Potts first appeared
of the total population of volun
teer corps, under officers of their own
choice. Shew intimated that we
could come to invade & retaliate
country with such troops. Gen.
states the folly of the Government
which directs it.

Bet

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Jan. 7
2.

But it will be said, the soldiers
have fought bravely. Cot. Martin. 47
This is not denied: they
have in some instances fought desper-
ately and performed individu-
al feats, whose well described
traces cause a noble attitude
with many spectators, and
squeeze with lips tossing, by
cultivating to regulate skill.
Of the native bravery of soldiers
no doubts are entertained;
but this bravery is disadvantageous,
fluctuating and uncertain in its
effects, and often leads in-
herent evil, disturbed troops
from perfect order. This na-
tive bravery is generally the result
of ignorance of inexperience, and is
a second battle sometimes fails
entirely. The regular soldier is
not distinct of fear, but he is taught
that disobedience of orders is more
dangerous, and he keeps his place
in the ranks because he dares
not desert without orders.
In the attacks of undisciplined
men too much reliance is placed

Jerry Plane upon individual up-
2 ition, to the neglect of com-
bined movements of the differ-
ent corps engaged, when the
whole are to act as one com-
bined machine; and here is
seen the difference between reg-
ular and irregular troops.
Nor is this all; in case the battle
cannot be brought to implicit and pa-
tient obedience to orders, and they often
have mutinous, and act counter to
the regularity which is essential
in our army; and rather than which
the men are little better than
a mob.
These are considerations [redacted] generally
overlooked by men unacquainted with
military service, and we fear believe
that <u>brevery alone</u> constitutes the
soldier — as many too commonly
convey our political leaders, who
have not examined the cost of war
in its various bearings.
From some data hereto in the fu-
ture, it appears that President Polk
begins to think that our army of
regular troops is unpaying for an
invasion of Mexico, that he is about
to recommend the raising of a much larger

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Jany 7. With such an army in the field, we may talk of a vigorous, while

2. the volunteer corps remain at home engaged in their proper employments

3. Tranquility. Man closely, and correctly pacific.

Mr Harris's Sermon on the Thanksgiving

The Rev. Samuel Harris, Pastor of the Congregational Church of that place.

Amidst the singular agitation which prevails in relation to the war with Mexico, I am gratified to find one so able willing to examine the causes and foundation of the war. The speaker has treated his subject fairly and forcibly, and unbroken the very passions which have strongly marked its commencement, and which characterized the conscientious actions of every enlightened man within the United States.

The

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Jany 3 The preachin text from Habakkuk 2:12, is appropriate "Wo to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity!"

Timely
appropriate
fitting

The Sermon is much bolder than I [illegible] the preacher would be a just censure of the measures of the present administration of our federal government. The Preacher richly deserves the thanks of every patriot of his country.

4. Monday. Cloudy morning — wind N. And day the same. In the evening snow fell

How happens it that ~~our~~ our army in Mexico, has made so little progress since the storm of Monterey? An army of 50.000 volunteers with the regular force and 12 millions of dollars for an out-fit, every element supposed sufficient to complete the conquest of the country. But here [illegible] Polk has discovered that

Inquiry
about
the ar-
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ing

10 troops require provisions as
June 7 well as fine words and encouragement
4. to convey to a wave: and as
Mr R. that soldiers are not made
discussing in a twelve shape, as by the
requisite clauses of the
a board of measure. The volun
teer spirit of the western & southwest
over states having elected, the Pre
sident seems to be inclined to try
the spirit of the northern & eastern
especially of Massachusetts; but
none of the General officers are
found in that quarter of the Union
are, where the chivalrous spirit
is not so predominant as in the
south. Our regimental officers
however, are admirable provided
they can enlist their men, and
are subservient to southern "gal
lantry & fancied superiority".
5. Tuesday. Mass Gen. wood W
Pallavell by a very few elec
tive votes over, the same
opposition still to it suffe
rent for. lustering

June 6 Wednesday. Stars fair. 11 wind SW; and a very fair pleasant day following.

This day our General Court assembles at Boston to transact the common business of the State, and to enact the necessary laws. The Executive, the Council, and Senate, will be from Democratic wards; and in the House the radical men will be few; and it is not improbable that this will be a very stormy session of the unjust Mexican War, into which we have been plunged by the retrogressive strides of President Polk, which ought to be more intensely known by the people: by similar strides in the other states of our Northwestern Territory & that of Oregon, the Revenue would have flung down into a war with Great Britain; and if it be

Our General Court in Session

Critical epoch in our history

12 admitted that he kept within
Jan 7 in the bounds of the Constitution
6 when he acted in military form
to the Texans — the claimed bounds
Mr Polk's invasion of Texas — It is clear that
he invaded the disputed Terri-
tory, between that river and the
Rio Grande, he consulted power
and wantonly caused the war
with Mexico, — a power which
Unlawful and dangerous
the constitution vests in Congress. Great Lords of Great Britain
Sanctioned by a majority of Congress
Cause of quarrel
Congress, if Great Lords of Great Britain
turning their eyes to the Punchinello's un-
lawful strokes, sanctioned thereby
measures for prosecuting the
war, the ministers are responsa-
ble to the aliened people, at
the ballot box — a million com-
pletely interested, but an effectual
check when the people are
true to their interests & sound
principles. If such steeds of
the President be suffered to leap of
with impunity, then we shall,
at each turn, be liable to wars
with neighboring nations, when
the President is so disposed. But

Jany 4 the fate of the Roman Empire and
6. that of Bonaparte, it is hoped, will
Lesson afford us useful lessons. The
tenant tenant of Mexico, consisting of a
population of 7 or 8 millions, may
not be so easy as our wild war
hawks have supposed; nor will
our princes ambition be much
feared by the civilized nations of the
world. Let us then, return to
Acdmo the course of justice & peace within our
within limits, and none will be
found to disturb our repose.

In peace our nation is a respecta
ble member of the great family of
[redacted] man, but in an offensive
war, a disturber of the harmony
on which the welfare of the world
rests, as well as our own.

Gentlemen peace and we may become
great & wise, and we may be the
friends of our happy constitution.

The native principles of the Jeffersonian
mean can be easily reflected by south
ern men, and the Federalists elected
to prosecute it; but it is a mysterious
that northern people should give aid to it.

14 voluntary exile, while it strikes June 6 at the first principles of our declaration of Independence.

Congratulations on the success of the election in the State. The success of the State in the election of its Governor & Legislature for the ensuing year, is a cause of congratulation, and evinces a return of the people to good principles. Nor is this passages unfounded Misapprehensions.—

"New England spirit in Freedom's Van,
"To tail a bleed for injured man,
"Still true to Virtue, dare to Law,
"Order is Freedom—obey!"

Governor Briggs. We laid for Governor Briggs speech with increased gratification as a source display of the principles of the State

7. Thursday. Monday & Friday cured Dr. Somerset. Since the day the Sagacious Yankee Bostonian paper remedy remedy paper volunteer coffee seed of a Boston paper

The common ideas of independence make men mature enlisted under the banners of military service; and

first two aspects that time

Yet even more desertion from our little army of 10,000 men, than from the Grand force of 300,000 soldiers.

Probably the statement is correct, and is accounted for on the principles of American liberty, the writer alludes to.

The ideas of liberty & equality which prevail in a republic, and equality of the system, and, however, the rewards of those that are found necessary in the government of soldiers. When the citizen enlists into military service, he renounces all claims to this sort of liberty, and becomes a tool in the hands of his officers. He must not even ask for explanations of movements, or plans accepted by his commander, but implicitly obey all orders he receives, with cheerfulness and without hesitation. When ordered to the most dangerous attack, he must [illegible] his place

Its effect on soldiers

liberty & equality

14 and divest himself of all thoughts
Jan 7 but of obedience; and when
7. he sees his companions falling
The reverse on his right and left, he must
versus not flinch, or retreat without
military the command of his officers.
discip- To bring men to such service
line is no easy lesson, especially for those
who have been bred up to
enjoy the liberty & freedom
of nature; and hence the defects
that are always found in
volunteer soldiers, especially
in those who elect their officers
Prin- from without contract. And
ciples to hence it may be remarked, that
divide the different estimates in which
line the candidates for office are
held, by the soldiers, will tend
to disturb the harmony of the
corps, and to introduce a spirit
of democratic opposition, repug-
nant to the discipline of armies.
In short, to use the words of Gen.
Gen. Washington who fell in the attempt
Washing- on Boston in 1775: "The giving
ton opinion to men the choice of their officers
will prevent even the existence
of armies".

Jan. 7 In monarchical Government,
7. this spirit of liberty and
equality, is little known;
Subject — a spirit of subordination reigns
and manners in civil life, and whom
chiefly the subjects have solicited
their change of condition in
security & peace, and they sub-
mit to orders from a Prince
without they have been taught
in civil life at home.

often But representations, may be con-
founded — ducted to elect worst soldiers, yet
soldiers — the process is more difficult than
in a monarchy, & requires a long
time. I am aware of the
notion entertained by some, that
the republicans acts more from
principle than the subjects of a
monarch; but those who plan
the forms of Troops on this
ground, have made but a
superficial examination of
Judge — the out of nature. Those men
rain — tell us of the laws of country, of
the laws of family & of honour,
as sufficient stimulants to the

18 performance of military duty;
Jenny but with the opinions of any
7. refined, scientific officer, they
[redacted] ~~[illegible]~~ must be relied
on, since he will supply at the
pretension, so ill founded.
The truth is, when the citizen
Citizen becomes a soldier, he [redacted] gives
Soldier up all thoughts of liberty, and
equality, and, [redacted] for
from his duty in the military
machine in which he is placed,
serve with no views for the
improvements his commander dic
tates:
These are considerations,
which seem to be disregarded
by the gentlemen who are
engaged in the institution of
volunteer corps for the army;
but if reformed — and reform
must — they, too, bring them
to thinks the matter.
If the above views are
correct, the future of the
Paths volunteer service will
differ; and from a most

Para 7) recommendation to Congress
7. to raise 10 new regiments of
regular troops, the officers to
be appointed & commissioned
by the Executive, so that
he has at length learned that
his volunteers are not so
"fit for an invasion"
as he at first had thought
they, also learn that though
we have numerous military
so called, yet none of our
foes have been a military nation
as many of our citizens are
posters.
Our success in the war of the
revolution, aided by France,
far exceeded a fair estimate
of our strength, but the total
failure of the Mississippi war
of 1812, ought to have taught
us wisdom in our pretensions
We have however not generally
on a defensive view, in which
right and justice is infinitely on
our side and. When this
shall be our relative position we
shall have nothing to fear

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June 7.

Letters then received announce under date of the 10 inst. that the regiments Gen. Pillow's brigade, he proposes the appointment of Gen. Pillow and Gen. Marcy. Who is this sublime genius he has in view? Washington, Wellington, Napoleon, are merely forgotten.

Friday. Marcy found SW. the story false, but with many secessary clouds.

In Purchase of Potts cotton Gen. Pillow said 10 mill regiments

Mr Polk

2A Gen

Mr Polk's Secretary Gen. Scott's tactics begin to show the rust. Mr Polk's Lieutenant General, selected from

Jany 8

have the school of modern chivalry, unmanacled by strategic rules, or the timely operations of veteran generals to introduce new modes of attack and defense, in which the rifle and tomahawk of the backwoods man are to prevail over the battle Roman Legions, Most Learnedly, and the other system of the warriors of Europe in later times.

Tecumseh's address

The address of Mersall Tecumseh, "that he had sometimes been more puzzled by a black head than ever able General Co. may have suggested to Mr. Polk the appointment of a Lieut. General, who, contrary to the rules and maxims of war, achieve victories by his immediate attacks, better adapted to the circumstances bearing on the times, and especially to his volunteers who, like Burns Soldiers with

with a Highland gill in his Jacket.

8. "Hurra no thought but how to kill
Juan at a blow."

Vice General's mere quotation

Lively then, with the mechanical movements of disciplined troops of the old school!

Mr Polk. Lieut. General will not we call from the rules of Frederick 3d, or Jomini or the West-Point school like Cadets, he is to turn upon the world and overpower every thing by his capacity, vigilance, prudence study and reflection; and who is better able to judge of such talents than Mr Polk, who prior to his first mission to the Presidency, was emphatically to the people of the United States out of the province of Tennessee.

Mr Polk's civil, military, statesmanship

9. Saturday. Marx fear, and Mr Polk. Cloudy.

Mr

Jany 9. The Sanitary Weather appears to be cleared at the State Capitol. The public funds, and pecuniary wants Congress to grant a duty on Tea & Coffee, lest the tariff on the House of Representatives, & coffee, frustrate of the effects of the Letter-bags, & space the project, once the were sent away by the "set of rights" This adoptation, the people will be "set of rights" Whether we are commencing, was there a document in the country, who suppressed the money would be required the Halls of Montezuma, except respect liberty & equality "Caughtie" Mexico! Not and a small band of rifle hunters by the wetness of the Mississippi was to accomplish this

24 work of love — this the
June 2 revolutionary interference with
9. the institutions, laws
and rights of a sister
public which claims to
establish an independence
of their own.

But after a campaign
of nine months, it appears
that our ruinous volunteers
raised by Gen. Taylor require
some more reverses beyond the
Rio Grande, ere that Mex-
ico is conquered.

Mr Polk is however fear-
ing a panic from this few
days ere our Bostonian req-
uisitions, composed of Lawyers Merch-
ants, victors, by the energy of their
City cash, well spent, ere pitted with
the spirit of Buena Vista, is
ready

Just nearly ready for the fuse.

9 And who can doubt that
Bos this corps will give a new
impulse to the war, and finish
restore to the city of Mexico, &
most [illegible] liberty on a people
who are content with their
[illegible] lies, says a factious party,
[illegible];
To the nations show,
We are fighting by our birthright;
Free for [illegible] or for mirth;
Free to conquer all the earth.

After Mexico

10 Sunday. Mild cloudy-
ing. NW. continued cloudy
day with some snow,
once cold air afternoon.
The winter thus far, has
not been severely cold, nor
the snow of uncommon
depth, yet sufficient for
good sleighing and sled-
ding.

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January 11.

Monday. Cloudy morn with some snow; wind N. they some. Night fair.

Vol. 3 of Exploring Expedition

Exploring Expedition. Vol. 3.
This vol. contains the voyage from New-Zealand, round the world, through various Group of Islands to Hampton.

Fiejee Group

The Fiejee group, between Latitudes 15° 30' and 19° 30' S. and the Longitudes 177° E and 178° W. consists of 154 islands, 65 of which are inhabited, and the inhabitants occasionally visited by the natives. Either of this islands the natives killed two of the officers of the Sulphur, for which the Commodore ordered the destruction of several of the towns, killing many; and obtained pledges to desist from similar outrages for the future. The population of the islands is

Jerry is stated at about 133.000

11. since some of them carinkels since it appears they are in the use of a fine fine wire and from a rude mode of fabricating flaws. The section made a great survey of the groups a map of which is given in the atlas.

Tonolite

Tonolite is represented as a richly coloured tawny rock

Jerry

Jerry is supposed to be the intrusion of magmas of various materials.

Many of the Islands in the Pacific ocean indicate a volcanic origin, while others evidently contain fossiliferous, and as both processes are going on may we not infer that there was a time when they were up mountains. But the same question presented to

12 8. inquiring minds is, by what
June 7 method and means have they
11. been satisfied? The great
Island Question may now be satisfactorily
been solved, but by assu-
satisfied ming the same creation from
not the primitive man on the
solved main land, extended to
the antipodes of the ar-
ten.

12 Tuesday. Man fair, wind W.
moderate the stormy fair. accepting
scattering clouds towards Sun-
set, with blustering wind, driv-
ing the snow, with "exhilarating
drift"

"Dreamest ye sitting something new
"Not all your rapture now, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
"Man hoodwinked; muttering,
"Vingefine matter; unsparkling,
"Then heavens illumine'd man on man lustrous.
"Sir storm of Shakspeare's own grief,
"Or mad ambitions going hence,
"Tendrils, like bloodhounds from the slip

Jan 5. "War, Rumor, and Murder o'er a land."
12. "Ruin in the peaceful rural vale
"Gretta, unfolding the mournful tale."
13 Wednesday. Mild fair & cloudy S.W.
14 Thursday. Mostly cloudy.

In the Congress House of Representatives, Jan 12, Mr Sims offered a resolution as follows: "Resolved that the people of the U States are too patriotic to refuse to submit to necessary taxes in time of war. Whether or not the question has been more fully presented to the people? And the time seems to be approaching when they will consider it, at the ballot boxes.

The refusal of a war may be a necessary for its abettors, but it does not follow that the war is necessary. Of this the people will judge when they feel the pressure, whether necessary or unnecessary. Let Congress keep this in view.

Mr Sims' call upon Secretary

will be best fairly read
Jan 7 1847 the tax gatherer in
13. particular rapt answers the echo
M Sims to the cloak of the peaceful
call up citizen, whose industry far
on pet military himself and family
riotism very respectable, will the
industry man pour out his
dollars, without reflection
upon the useless waste
and folly of the government
who procured the necessity.
Mr Sims is from Mississippi
volume. Reflection may
be current; reflection
be cautious that he
does not depreciate its val-
ue or suffer it to be
counterfeited.

M Polk recommendation

Mr Polk's recommendation of regular troops for the army in Mexico, to say the least, is
bars of disappointment on
the militia volunteers.

But

Jany/Bent whether his ten regiments

13. can be entirely disciplined & fitted for the field, before the present favorable season permits any operations in the enemy's country, should have passed away is rather doubtful. Or whether not secession may be as fatal to his new troops as that of the conscripts of 1846. on the Rio Grande. We think have evinced, the Polk evinces some ignorance in his requirements in the art of war, and how est least learned have to appreciate the value of volunteer corps of militia.

Calling for volunteers

The suggestion in relation to a large brigade in relation to officers, incur procure the aid of officers, incur not the resentment stood by some of the reformed commanders. A Lieut. General with a carte blanche may obviate the difficulties of which the Polk complains.

Bent

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June 13

But on the whole, Mr Polk's position is rather critical. In the adjustment of the Oregon boundary he lost the confidence of many of his political friends, and with the British lion in close contact with your cat. But on the conquest of Canada and the British possessions the aspect of the Mexican question began to create the attention of the thinking people, and make the consequent delay beyond the present "favorable season" his matter in case southern ~~[illegible]~~ patriots may attribute it to the lack of democratic energy or fitness which comes of any delay tion. Despite these circumstances Mr Polk firmly trusts his public duties are not so thickly strewed as the flowers as he had supposed. He may however learn some of the returns of modern elections, though he has experience in Tennessee.

Jan 7. Wednesday. Warm cloudy, and
14 W. R. M. Sun, appeared a little again cloudy

Gov Briggs says returns it

This is the [redacted] day of the session of our General Court, and we yet have heard nothing of Gov. Briggs message to that body. What has happened to our magnetic telegraph, over their wires, which this morning of Gov. Young, we have informed our fellow citizens by telegraph, from Albany to New York City, within 2½ hours.

This rapidity of communication may be gratifying to the stockjobbers, but the public, we believe, will be content with our present speed. The stockjobbers from will not be compensated for his very injurious labors. On extended lines no error will improve a correctness of the connecting wires and apparatus of the offices from various causes which our imperfect knowledge

Jan 14 of the laws of magnetism, galvanism and electricity, does not enable us to assign.

15. Friday. Morn cloudy, wind NW., and the day the same throughout.

Gen Mason The Governor's Message to the Council. Have received from this day. It is replete with good sense, and dwells upon unpartisan views in relation to the annexation of Texas, one of the designs of the Mexicans with Mexico, to which the Legislature took upon this occasion. The Message was delivered personally by the Governor to the 12th instant. Sure we admire the firmness of the Governor's movements on so flourishing a condition, owing no doubt, to the correct policy now adopted by a majority of the people of the State. We may even not hope that practice differences

Its character

of

Jan'y 15 of correct principles, will attempt to do away the opposition to pure republicanism, which some of our fellow citizens, the result from a false notions of protection which never fail to bring confusion and its concomitant evils when it is successful.

16 Saturday. Mean cloudy with fog and SW. wind. P.M. fair

Mexican Late accounts from Mexico say, Santa Anna is advancing with a large force to cut off some of the detached divisions of our army, and that Gen. Wool with A Scott may be forced to retire to form a junction with Gen. Taylor's force. An army acting by detached detachments is liable to defeat, especially when the enemy is superior in force

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Jersey 1776 have an army of superior force may be weakly army other delay an detachments 1200 for it may be inferior to the force the enemy may bring against it. The settled part of the British army in New Jersey in 1776 and Burgoyne's detachment to Bennington in 1777, are examples of the kind, both from a false expectation of superiority in the troops

Militia twice repeated

Santa Cruz probably has the clear three principles, and the Pathway four times difficult to decide with. That 6 or 7 million of people cannot be conquered after blows is not believed. The war may be protracted to years; but it can conquer for what useful

Slow

Jersey, Shall we choose from it? The
South, The southern people are
not, & cannot have a place. They
views, would change the territory
& form into States, establish slave
coming, they would admit them
into a Southern Union, which
consideration they would
separate from us & become
a Gigantic slave holding gov
ernment, ultimately embra
cing the West Indies, Islands,
and Guatemala would soon
come Greatness would soon
fall with their grasp.
But with a free northwest
Recognizes the rights of man, for
neighbor, their slavery
would not be a very quiet
Situation; and in case of a
war between the two sections
might be the ruin of the slave
holding section. Future History
may find much to record in
its volumes; and what will
most

38. must surprise posterity, even
from the fact that many of the
N. northern people were so hood
North-ern blind-ness
winked by purity of spirit, that
they saw not their danger
until too late to remedy the
fatal evil.

Some of the members of Con-
gress who are willing to sup-
Synop. from the fundamental principle, have the
Fam. in Con-gress
clause that no more Slave States
shall be admitted to our Union is
this has advanced to southward, and
they are laying their declara-
tions of a dissolution of the states.

If slave states are to be admit-
Effect of
the union they refuse a recon-
sup. to sustain the union; but
rather the conclusion that free
states shall be brought into the
confederation. Will north
ern men still persist in
security under this state of things
and indulge in the chimera
that we have nothing to do
with slavery.

It has been our pride, and indeed it made us a nation respected by the civilized world; but if perverted to the worst purposes, the principles of our elder fathers of independence respected, the consequent of a mighty nation, to be perverted to a leaning nation, to be perverted to a time the power of slavery, it is time for the friends of liberty and the rational rights of mankind life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — to look to the consequences and if prepare the correct of the evil before it is too late. If our northern clergy still remain blind to the flames of southern slavery they will be the evils that are now preparing for them by their sufferance and countenance. That this detestable system should continue among our people, is one of the strongest anomalies of the human mind.

40 One saving merely happy is free
Jany. having — the people will
16 Congressional called upon to de-
bates cide the responsibility of the measures
of war within the Confederacy. It
seems the delusion will
exist like a fog before a hur-
ricane, but the ruin we en-
deavor to mark the folly of
the present wilder spirit, which
the democracy of the south has
imposed on the country. But
I fear hope the storm will be
over ere before it leaves us in ruins.
17 Sunday. Mild fair — wind W.
and cold; the day the same
18 Monday. Mild cloudy.
wind S.W. — P.M. Snow fell
Intriguing the operation of
Cuba in Mexico, Similar
event of more extended nature
civil & geographical disintegration
of

for the country then I propose:

18. To judge of military movements with any degree of accuracy, and accurate knowledge of the country is necessary; such as descriptions of its rivers, lakes, plains, mountains, defiles, roads, and difficult passes, positions, places &c. Without a knowledge of these particulars the commander of an invading army is exposed to defeat, even with a superior numerical force.

The success of Gen. Taylor & Scott has created a confidence of the superiority of our troops, which may be lost by a few reverses. The raw volunteer corps find themselves beaten, they are left behind, a mob and obstacle to the commander of those offensive is cut on road.

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Jan 7 The Mexican force now on
the Santa Anna is estimated
18 from 20,000 to 30,000; but
May 1 the estimate is doubtful.
confu- If he is a prudent as well
sion in the as a skillful commander,
field he, like our Washington, will act
on the defensive, avoid general
battles, and avail himself of advantages & strong
positions in his rear. The
Italian system is evidently his
true course; and in a country
so extended as that of Mexico,
he may find a Fabius Nedius
tenable against Hannibal & Massena
with his 80,000 Finish
man.

In our victorious then few,
nothing is seen for boasting.
Mexico is still and extensive
nation, and may
become his terrible in the

Jany
18 A cordon of strong fortifications, sufficient for an effectual defence.
It shall, from the small groups towards the east of the country, drive the rebels of Ceara, Piauhi & Para, be intercepted much longer than the time anticipated by our rebels democrats.

19 Tuesday. Warm - fair and
W. wind the day generally
clear and cold.

The Bill for revising Mr. Pottinger's new regulations in the commissariat, by expunging the officers we are instructed to pursue the law in Hawaii in language and in
Tings
orig
must
bill

indelicately, cuts the Senate.
Had this step been taken at
the commencement of the war
the inroads of enlistment would

have been more rapid. A
Jany great portion of the volun
19 teers whose enlistments are
numerous about to expire, will probably
on return to their homes and from
disgusted with the play in
which they have so recently in
gaged, and the strain they
have relaxed of the hardships they
have endured, will be a dis
ire to the success of the recruiting
office. On time of peace when
young men are charmed and
enlisted by military show
the case is different; then
nothing of the hardships &
horrors of war are foreseen,
even a battle is thought to be
a pleasant sport. When this
spirit prevails recruiting may
be rapid, especially in our large
cities, where a portion of the popu
lation is always ready for ene
counter and spirits exhausted
are which must be thoroughly

form of Modelled before our property. It
(9) can be made soldiers.

The folly of attempting to carry on war with corps of militia volunteers begins to be seen by a majority of Congress; and if the war with Mexico continues, I trust we will be convinced that nothing short of a constant force of regular troops will conquer Mexico, or bring her to equitable terms of peace.

At the commencement of — — the war blame eloquency scoured thing of this a force corps of fifteen from the western regions were deemed competent for the conquest of every neighboring nation; and when the Oregon boundary was agitated, the respected report that an opportunity was lost for whipping Great Britain as well as Mexico.

The present war may teach us useful lessons, namely, that correct notions of liberty & capability intellect of the elements of war, and that industry and economy are essential to our prosperity & happiness

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Jany
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Wednesday. Mon fair — afn
W. cmc day fully cold.
After ovency of moderate depth
but good sleighing.

My impaired eyesight

Since my eye sight has
been so improved as to
renew it different business
in the evening, I am de
prived of much of my in
joyment. While my eyes

Albertus

were good, I always found
my enjoyment

subjects for entertainment
esse, improve, instruction;
but when exposed
of social pinch. I often
found myself most unpleas
-ly engaged.

My improved reading

In my various reading
I have prefered the earthen
who gives a true life in
structure Most works

Ion Gymnasium etc. & Similar are
20 cts & romances, I have had
Work of fiction little estimation. Though
to have I may have been pleased
little value with their style and easy
flow of language
I have always found them
deficient in imparting real
and principles, like work
of science, durable and
useful. Indeed after know
ing real and scientific truth
then, I am led to smile, or
rather, in fact, find them all
connected, and the source
of information unknown;
and thus the man of a scien
tific taste is never at a loss
for subjects that command
his attention. Scientific study is the
Vista of every of history, which one reads
or of is philosophy teaching by example

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and though, in its ete-
tails much is found that
is not immediately relevant
to the subject, yet they give the out
lines of man under al-
most all conditions in
which he is placed, and
of course are worthy of con
sideration.

Young men, I observe, often
manifest copious histories, and
fruitful fugitive sketches to con
jectural details, which they
consider as musty records of
times unworthy of notice in
these improved days.

Ancient history, it is true, con
tains much that is fabulous, but
it also contains much that is
true; and it is for the intel
lect reader to separate the true
mixed from the false. Modern
history, particularly so far as the
relates to political affairs, is of
elevated and sublime by beauty

Jenny visitors, who have more re
20 gard to their schemes, than
the truth. But the man of
sound principles and extensive science, is able to detect
the misrepresentations.

21. Thursday. Mild fair, wind
W. and cold, air. The day
generally fair
No proceedings of our Good
Court, for about a month past.
This is rather <u>anti</u> <u>republi</u>
<u>can</u>, while we have so many
rail-roads & magnetic telegraphs
in operation

22 Friday. Mild fair - wind S.W.
and very cold last night &
this morning. day fair.
We often hear of aspersions &
dissatisfaction, frequently
from ignorant people, in relation
to the location of the rail
road through the northern part
of Dunville & this village. This
error does not escape my notice
at

Jan 19 22 1849

At the time the location was made, a pressing object should have been, to gain an elevation to the Quinsite plateau, which volume a depot should have been erected on that level, volume an easy route might be found for a continuation of the road northward.

Difficulty of a continuation

By terminating the road at the present depot, below that plateau, I see no way for an ~~con~~ ultimate, but by passing up Guinsum on a circuitous & difficult route, which will entirely shut that village. Some amount of the argument urged for the present route - namely to keep within a certain grade. This was a secondary object and ~~was~~ of no serious weight than a depth, provided the grade did not exceed what is found practicable on many other roads.

Whether the error in the location was owing to the obstinacy of the

Company engineer, as the wise judgement
22 of the directors of the company.
I am not certain. But one thing
is clear, the construction of the
road has been attended with
so monstrous unnecessary expense
and extent, if not fatal to the en-
terprise, may be a great ob-
struction to its success. The
cost of the road, from Springfield
to Greenfield, is said to have been about
one million of dollars; and we
believe the company will find
a profit on this out-lay. I wish
for the prosperity of the road, but
cannot avoid expressing my regret
at the unwise locations and the
consequent unnecessary expense;
and also my fears that the en-
cumbrances on some of the other ro-
ads, will give many before heavy
rains, unless some one frequent
here, of what the young men of
the present day seem to have
no adequate conceptions. Let
but one of our old Jersey Farm

June 7
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or, an overly spring flood of pure tissue occur, & what would be their astonishment on recovering the obstruction produced by their violence. Even one of the old thunder showers of summer would do prostration sufficient to sweep away the former embankments which secure by ample and perfect culverts. Other tremendous causes, are more common, effects of nature, have of late years been less frequent, but they may return in all their vigor; and then the fragile works of man will be seen in all their weakness.

Damage from heavy rains

Taking into consideration the cost of the road and its unfavorable location below the Grumfeler plateau there is no sure to fear that a continuance of the vicinity of the bank-ment, will throw out a fellow which would not have occurred had the road been

May be less frequent

Jany. 22 wisely located and the cost of construction kept within due bounds — a feature all must consider imperatives.

Given the unmanageable bowels of the route from Northampton to the Sides bending, with the exception of an Westfor tunnel, it was believed that about 400,000 dollars would be required the expense of construction to the Grumpike platform, including the bridges, land, and the engineering and the repairs of roads. If this estimate is too low then, I think, railroads cannot be constructed & maintained on roads that do not command extensive travel between great marts, and that the present rates for the accommodation of a few interior towns must subside and the people cant "let" themselves with other well constructed roads within their ability.

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June 23

Saturday. Mun. plain and SW. and a fair day.

We have this day, after a lapse of a week, received a few details of the General Court but nothing of high importance, as yet, befall them. The Hartford Convention proposition was reduced from requiring 20,000 dollars to ten. The Pilots Massachusetts volunteers, has been declared not no deficiency bill.

Petition for railroad.

General Court

Petitions are coming from various parts of the State in some instances, where, if the roads could be constructed, the whole profits would not keep them in repair. This hasty zeal will not long continue to deceive the industrious and economical farmers of the country, who will find that many but the great arteries of trade

Jenny can be supported, and
23. affords a profit. All short
roads for the accommodation
be- of a free intercourse, must
mutes of course be short-lived.

On the House of representatives
Bartwell Mr Bartwell of Gretton, has i
resolution introduced a resolve for expunging
resolution the Thanks of the Legislature to
Gen. Taylor and the men un-
der his command, for their brave fight-
ing in Mexico. If he possesses a dis-
criminating mind, he can have little
speculation of the success of his reso-
lution. The Legislature was doubt-
Re less gratified that Americans in
work the proper discipline still make good
soldiers, and are ready to show
the general and his men for sus-
taining that character; but it is
hardly to be supposed, that they
would prefer the work to invaluable
proofs, when right and justice
are disregarded by those who on
the occasion, with a view of
conquest, of trouble, to satisfy their
avidity or ambition. Mr Bartwell

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23 may have other uses — he may wish for a list of the years and days on the question, for future reference in the cause of elsewhere.

24 Sunday. Warm fair, wind SW. and clear generally fair. Our navigation

25. Monday. Fair warm, wind NW. and this clear clear.

I have just perused the Speech of Mr Cushing on the Rice Par Cartagenity 20,000 dollars as a may bounty for the volunteers of the Speech Massachusetts regiment, called for by Mr. Polk. Of Mr Cushing's talent as a public speaker, I have heretofore entertained a favorable impression. But in this speech I am compelled to say, that I have been disappointed. Perhaps one solid argument in support of the bill; and indeed, it does not rise to the dignity of ingenious sophistry, to which I am sorry he is capable.

Jany 25 After attempting to show that Mr. Roth's regiment is a part of the Massachusetts militia, & lastly, by this, has nothing bearing on the question, the Justice becomes vicious. Observe him: "Thinking the case unjust, do you thereupon insist that they your countrymen, shall die, not for the battle field, but of disease? Is this the humanity, this the conscience of Massachusetts?

Will you by refusing to send them further, ill equipped, voluntarily, of malice aforethought, decide to kill them yourselves by the slow, but withal sure death of exposure in the camp or on the march?" (The lurking fiend, the fate of his poor fellows.).

"I say, that pursuant to such a motive, to wreak on your militia your condemnation of the Federal Government, would be monstrous, - horrible! No; you will not do this, you will instead adopt the only other course consistent

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June 25

with honor, with humanity, with good conscience you will recall your troops. Those troops are your own militia, you are children, organized by our Adjutant General, according to your own status, commissioned by your own Governor, marching under the banner of the Commonwealth. Your instinct of patriotism prompts you to the field to suffer and die of imperfect equipment; but if conscience forbids you to equip them, it forbids your State government to permit them to march to the shores of the Gulf, or the banks of the Rio Grande. Disband them, disband them in Georgia now; so in Massachusetts sanctify at once or the second time, then you will put his conscience by the side of Tyng and the proscribed scruples of his brave militia!"

In this respectably Mr. Gudiw of Charlestown has waived, and the galleries of the house resounded with protests of the first order.

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Sing Like Sir Knight in Hudibras

25 When civil discord first grew high,
Sing And men fell out they knew not why,
When hard words, jealousies and fears,
Set folks together by the ears,
And made them fight like mad or drunk
For Dame Religion as for punk;
Whose banner they all declare to show
Though not a man of them knows why so.
When Gospel trumpeters surrounded
With hosts unlearned, to battle sounded,
And pulpit drum ecclesiastic,
Was beat with fist, instead of a stick;
Then did Sir Knight abandon dwelling
And with his wife to Boston settling.

Since Sir Knight declined his speech, he has been elected Colonel of the Polk's regiment of Massachusetts "dough children"; and the Colonel takes time to consider the malice of Mexico, and the perpetual fighting Zachary has "around the walls of Vera Cruz or San Luis". His men are not soldiers in any, but nominally, and effectually a little hudibras Sir Knight outlaws.

40. Tuesday. Men merely and
July mind & their every daily
26. brave strength.

The overall progress of our
the g. laws in Mexico is a source
limy to some enemy, for long be
fore this day, they believed that
an volunteer would be wolfing
in the halls of montezuma. New
elements seem to their minds that
methodical cultivation, and sa
lubrious of provisions, &c necessary
for an invasion of an enemy's
country; a few rifle tourists
from the western states were
to complete the task at a later day. Mr Polk
Lieut. General is now to in-
troduce a new system of move-
ment, the repressed tactics
of General Scott & Taylor to be
laid aside, except the art of war
as taught in the West point School
to be adamantined for entrenchment
schemes which are to kill off
an enemy "twice at a blow". Bat
loon ascensions, to be substituted for
bomb batteries, and the old electrical
electricity revived & renewed. July

Jany 26 Truly we are on the march of improvement, and why should we not be one of men running in the rear? Cotton gin-powder will soon come into operation, and then the Southern States will be able to blow up all opposition to their "institutions", sky high. As much of improvement is to continue, if we can believe our Newspapers, in this law, morality, & religion, are not to overcome the rubbish of antiquity, & be replaced by the perfectability of man now set in respect strife within the Angelic State; and in many instances, which course is the Great Boon to the people at large, and genius is not cramped by musty rules of the schools

Wednesday 27 Mon Windy day, wind W. but soon fair, and so continued through the day with pretty strong air. Espr Henry & wife arrived.

Jan 7 Thursday. Wind fair, weather
28° SW. cool fair cloudy and
very clear.

This From the proceedings of Congress
~~Congress~~ it appears that the
Mexican War drags rather
slowly; the volunteering spirit
is much abated and the other
favorable seasons is fast slipping
off. Another campaign
~~Stand~~ under the rays of a meridian
sun, will have other grounds
for fears the results of Bio Grande, with
the losses of our Yankee, Dot-
ontains. Our Massachusetts
regiment, run with the Cavalry
upon Matters battery, will
not fail of adding their fore-
bearing to the assist of the Prove
ment.

We do not say that our cour
ing from the vicinity of Buena
Vista marauding, will be intimi
dated by such reflection; but we
think it behoves the Oath to

journey to transport them, as soon as
28 possible, to the fields of Mexico,
where they will not, when
to call their attention, ill fitted
to reflections of this kind.

29 Gideon. Clancy man, and
Mr. i clay Needles son was
Mass. The Boston Journal announces
that Caleb Cushing of Newbury
Mass. Regt. has accepted the com-
mand of the Massachusetts Volun-
teers, with the rank of Colo-
nel; the other field officers
are, Isaac H. Wright of Lo-
Field Officers of. Lowell (of Boston), and Edward
W. Abbott of Andover, Majors.
The Gentlemen very properly
do, that the requisite Commission
for their establishment, as they
may prove themselves worthy
leaders in the martial field.
The regiment consists of 10
companies each under a Capt.
2 Lieutenants, totaling the same

Jan 29. initiated far & along the road with Mugeo; one consists of young men who have come upon the stage since the close of the war of 1812; some of large bones nothing down of the handsome & elongated dirt. The campaign, but elongated with military show, they have unofficially with [illegible] harmonic efficiency. But disappointing in Mugeo were seemingly to view, not so richly fitted with flavors as they had anticipated. They were to the contrary, and not under the iron hand of discipline, confined to narrow limits, taught to hurl a mouth at the word of command, since no are allowed to entertain a thought but that of subordination and implicit obedience to orders no easy lesson for man brought up to unbounded freedom & notions of liberty & equality as taught in

fancy our democratic schools
29 under vociferous demagogues.
Lessons Lastly facing, in same elegant
deserve hesitancy to the discipline of
the camp, with the wants of cook
ing their provisions, washing their
clothes, ~~[illegible]~~ lodging upon the ground
and keeping free from vermin
see these revolutions or the work
through reviews, wood, miedig etc.
or pure antipleasures, at times not
even a drop of water can be gath
ered, "When living sons and
loved daughters disown," and who
among them will fail to turn
his eyes to his native home, con
sign at the time of his enlistment
Will the pleasure of killing off Mex
icans, compensate for such hard
ships?
Some of these volunteers doubtless
are humble young men who are
actuated by the better
feeds: these deserve our commen
dation, while others of different
characters, can be seen only by sad
disappointment

66 January 30 Saturday. Mean thirty eight deg, wind N.W. Sun seen and snow last night. Day pretty fair.

Bill for volunteering in the Militia in the state

The Bill for the grant of 20 thousand dollars to the Massachusetts volunteers, was introduced in the 2d instant, in the House. But I think it is time to put it at rest by a decisive negative. This day seven long months probably the Poth would order the regiment to the Rio Grande to commence its discipline and prepare it for killing Mexicans. For clearly to defend their liberty and property.

If Col. Cushing & his officers are to receive glory in such service, we recently owed them all that human, without grudging, the honor.

31 Sunday. Mean fair, wind W. this clouds during the day. Robert B Williams, son of Arthur surveying corps on the Bladensburg road

Jan. 31 Citizens, around him this day. He crossed the lake on the ice to Burlington where he left the other part of the corps to finish some further work.

February 1847.

1. — Monday. Mass. Cloudy and cold; the day warmed cloudy.

The Volunteer County Bill, 8th County Bill defeated, was rejected at third reading in our house of representatives on Thursday the 28th instant, by yeas 47. nays 191. Massachusetts is barely ready to offer a bounty on Mexican scalps. The State is ready to contribute millions for defence, but not a cent for tribute or invasion. If Mr Polk's volunteers are called to the field without sufficient for their equipments, he and his hireling must see to the cross.

many a few people who
truly regard the rights of men, can
be unfortunate will never be prosperous
nor successful.

Mr. Lincoln's reasons re secession

The leading members of the
House from New England, have
been commissioned by the recep-
tion of volunteers, made an im-
proper address to the House, re-
quest his seat. Many eyes were
turned upon him. They saw
with regret, one who had
constitutional views, disregarded
his prudence, and which is
a worthy cause, would have
[illegible] respect. To a brilli-
ant mind, they saw united
a reckless spirit, exhaustingly generally
leads to disappointment
and remorse. If successful in
acquiring military fame, they
saw it would end in a bub-
ble, and the disgrace of his
country, in a cause illegally won
by the [illegible] conquest of humanity

Remarks on

Feelings of the House

Feby 1. republic, contending for its rights & liberty.

The Colonel has now entered upon a career novel to himself, and time it remains to be seen what the opinion will be with his chosen and that is seeks to his ambition and his taste. Should he be unfortunate let him remember that his position was chosen by himself and accepted by his country & friends.

2. Tuesday. Mon. cloudy, wind SW, some snow fell & the day continued cloudy.

The Mr Potts volunteer against the man this state, still remains at Bistia, but I not so sanguine for Mexico, the man may become nettlesome and desertion may succeed. Should this occur I see the punishment resulted to the officers could see find that so to whom they are credited for their promotion, will not be unnecessarily resulted to otherwise. In

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Jiby. In a newly raised corps
of this description the officers
2. will never be able to introduce
Want of strict subordination and ready
Intrid obedience of orders upon which
returns in an army, once without
which, the sun one lost all.

3. Wednesday: Mean cloudy.
Lowering, with NW. winds; the
day, the same, rain commenced

Gen. Taylor's letter further opinions on Mexico

Letter from Gen. Taylor
of the 9th of November 18th
to a friend (Since the Gen. Geo.)
of New-York) after detailing his
movements to Monterey & and
Saltillo, once respecting his opinion
of prosecuting the country to the
City of Mexico, by the route of
the Letter: he recommends to our
Government, to take possession of
of the line we would accept
by a negotiation, retaining from
the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific ocean
an, at the same time closely block
ading the coast, on both oceans,
once to cut off the depressions.

Gulf of the line he proposes, would 7th
3. the same distance south of the
line north of Rio Grande, including
a portion of the Sierra Madre, and
a strip including say or seven states
or provinces of Mexico.

Will this conquest satisfy the rec
ne Vacity of the Delta & his party? No.
ny strong short of the City of Mexico
was their original design, and
this conquest was to have been
the work of only a few months
with a force principally of volun
teers from our cities & settlements
westerly. If Gen. Taylor shall be
adopted & the Mexicans submit to
the elimination, still thousands of
our people will stream thro the ground
with their bows, on from the sea
forces & cannot stop upon them
Two things may be taught by this
Lesson: 1st That we are not to stong
on military rules as our best safe
guard: 2. That within our invasion
of a neighboring country is attempted
a constant regular force should
be prepared, previous to the attempt

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July 3

These two persons may truly
say, that we also in a new country the
only amusement we have
the fire arms of the
a rifle, excepting this settle
must use a wide region, and
sufficient to lead for
the rifle & tomahawk.

Rumor in Ga. Gay has letter it
appears to have reclamation
in Gen. Gay
Maryland
Letter
the Settlers
of the difficulty
country from persons on
to carry it out, and the want
of sufficient power; the distress
on the Indians by the Sad
Lawless, unjustly, and from the
other Country, and by the similar
Letter to Mr. Settlers
from the country from
to San Luis Potosi a town on
our attempt without water
other tribes the second month
by reason of difficulties
in the hot season.
the Indians on the
other difficulties hand,

Gilby and would, from time, pursue
3 by a wise administration.
But democracy takes no time
Demo- for reflection, but decides on
cracy regardless of consequences, and
does its act of wrong is not less or
more than its politics, both
taking no lessons from experience
or long established rules.
It has been stated that Gen. Taylor
will receive from the Army and the
Democracy of Gen. Scott. If this be so
it will be proved that he is ne-
cessary to act as a second. Not
matter if his retirement may be
from other causes. Already he is
conscious that his operation have
not met the active approbation
of Mr. Polk, and the General may
claim the change of command a
convenient opportunity to extri-
cate himself from the dictation
of an incompetent power at the
Capitol. At any rate the cap-
ture of Mexico is not so easy a task
as was predicted by our democracy.

74 Thursday. Mean fair, wind
July W. [illegible]

4 Last night the river broke
River up with a considerable rise
broke up of water, from the thaw of yes-
terday: the day fair.

The recess of yesterday, we are in-
Brudenell formed, occasioned a breach on our rail-
road in the way in Hatfield, on account
road of a quicksand. Such accidents
Solents show a want of fore-
sight in the Engineer. Similar
accidents have occur on the
part of the road contiguous to our
village. Show difficult navigation
are seen. crossed by the road.

5 Friday. Mean fair, wind N.E.
in the day fair.

Vermont, Rutland, Rail-road.

This road, to extend from Bur-
Rutlington southerly to Otter creek, and
land thence up the creek to Rutland and
rail over Mt. Holly and down the val-
road ley of Black river to Bellows-falls,
is about to be commenced; contract-

Way for the greater part of the route having been made.

5. The whole work will probably cost upwards of two millions of dollars, unless the Capitalists of Boston have entered on the more northerly route from Burlington to Lawrence river, I apprehend that the people of the interior of the Country will find it difficult to raise the necessary sum though it is seen the stock is taken up. Hackensack has one difficulty hard to overcome: viz at Secaucus Valley; unless which the river can be covered over it with a practicable grade, is a question, and some expensive machinery may be necessary to convey it to the trains: the other parts of the route I think will require high grades. But both routes must be rivals for the Boston trade, which will depend the value of each.

When the Plattsburgh & Ogdensburgh road is completed a vast trade will be opened to the NW. over Canada

Pa Ry

Secaucus Valley

both routes enough Vermont
2, they may prove sufficient business
5. to render them profitable. But
multiply general the multiplication
plication of rival roads, between any two
of Rival quarters, is unfavorable to
roads, the most eligible route will need
effect the others, and alone find sup-
of port. and when of the two
routes from Burlington, one
be fortunate one must be de-
termined by experience.

The whole length from Burlington
to Bellows-falls, by the Pittsford
route, is estimated at about 120 miles
If then the Central route lay West
feldt, should become the main
outlet for the Boston trade, the
Rutland route can hardly be
sustained, if constructed. The
route it is true, scopes through
a valuable section of Vermont
which contains a considerable pop-
ulation; but can ill afford
to defray the cost of the road
without strong aid from Boston,

July 6 Saturday. Morn fun, mind
N E & clear fair

Coast Survey } Elizabeth, set out for Raiford with her brother & little Charles

received a Report upon the Superintendent of the Sea Coast Survey, for the year ending No. 1844. The Report for quality matters my friend Charles O. Bartlett, an assistant to Mr Bache, since it appears he lived here on the Coast of the Carolinas; part of the time and attended employed in important services in the Survey.

From the early method of his long mathematical calculations knowledge in the use of instruments and great practical estimating, and his thorough experience I think my friend Bartlett would be an important assistant to Mr Bache

The Report contains several sketch maps of the Survey

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Feby 7

Sunday. Mornings fair, wind N.E. and stormy leave Sound, at this time, & smell ele[illegible]

8 Monday. Morn. partially fair, wind S.W. more clear

Damage by rain

We learn of considerable damage from the late rains & wind, which were not every severe at this place, to what would be the damage sustained by one of the older times storms. Our young people have no adequate conception of their destructive effects.

9 Tuesday. Morn fair, wind variable from S.W. to N.E; the day was fair

The objects & designs of the late Convention are clearly becoming obvious. Our Congressional Representatives, Feby 7, the Senior Senator, "The Rivalist and the Government were willing to make peace

Tobey if a Mexico would give us ex-
clusively for the war, or mus-
Mexico and Upper California.

Design of the war

But the discovery must not this unprecedented
return, to convince it of the truth
of the news, for the Dis-
patch order to Gen. Taylor from
the Secretary to the Rio Grande was
sufficient to obtain the designs.

Perhaps a more base
ingenious news was waged by a con-
spicuous return. Our exchequer
Secretary was at the bottom, and the
Polk was the agent to carry it out.
The millions of contraband at
Lancaster, set the politicians wild.
But news Statesmanship be answered
by the Union, provided they consent
to tolerate Slavery; ever a part
of northern democracy are
regardless of the rights of man
as they are ignorant of respect
licensing and wise government.
Once let the people open their eyes to
their interest, and these chimeras would disappear

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and the people must return to the
2 Vol. respectable standing they sustained
under Washington and his co-
Patriots, before the degenerate
Evolutionary principles, and the essential
colds crept within our Union.

But in prosecution to our obser-
vations from the principles of Washing-
tonian federalism, has been our
departure from prosperity, and
happiness. His admonition pre-
ceded the war of 1812, and now
that we are at Mexico, and will continue
so to operate, until the peo-
ple shall open their eyes to the
true interest, and repudiate the
demagogues who have, & still,
attempt to wise systems of Gov-
ernment. Hence, since Washington
have been the cause of the country,
and what is pity, it is that they
are not viewed to be the evil?
At the time of our revolution-
ary of the formation of our fed-
eral Government, honors and
offices were estimed; but

Yet in those days men of boasted talents & mediocrity of talents have risen, finding that on popular charge, when no faith to fanaticism, they have ex-cited to succeed by delusion. ment in fact, have [illegible] The minds of the common people, con-sulted in proclaiming a le-gislator that talents & worth are the elements of authority, & that no eminent man should be intrusted with a high office.

Thus [illegible] wise for 30 years past, has been descending in the scale of intellect, while the Re-sident, except in one or two matters, has been faithful for his fraud, submitting to poverty, ra-ther than for his dishonest tol-erate & profligacy.

The will be in most Pre-sident is entirely uncertain; he may be fraud, Mr. Polk, but he is vacillating & not very [illegible] & thin leaders; he may be another Jacob obscurity & place on the whole troop. To discharge

82 Affairs of the nation are so
history, the destiny of this party
9. always involving his own, the
in the appointments & conse-
quently omitting northern men.
We have a Webster & Clay, as
St Lawrence & others, who would
do honor to the country; but
their talents & popularity must
precludes them from office, so
long as democracy has
the ascendency.

The present democratic party
only be dissolved by one
of two alternatives; the first
the most precise, not less hete-
rogeneous, except this one, you
government will forever be kept
in a turmoil, and may end
in anarchy; upon all this condi-
a feature of nothing good, and
that we may escape the fearful
heresies that threaten us.

80 Washington. Mem. Clearly in the
Senate, and some N.
the day centered clearly.

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This vol. includes the voyage from Honolulu to the Oregon territory, with the various surveys of the coast and interior; the loss of the Peacock and of the cutter of the Sapacuhanna, off the mouth of the Columbia, and the expedition for the bay of San Francisco on the west coast of America.

On the voyage from Honolulu to the Island of Hawaii we visited several others, some several of the islands.

The Oregon country is partly fed by channels, with the Hudson Bay settlers the inferiority the manners & customs of the Indians, with the Salmon fishery &c. The mountain volcano of the ~~[illegible]~~ is noticed. Some of which the pitch measured 235 on length one at the height of 80 feet from the roots was 35 feet in circumference, 150 feet of straight shaft. Some are to 300 feet in height.

See

84 Shrewsbury. — Thursday, Feb. 6th

NW and fair, very cold.

11 We have now but a small depth of snow, but the roads are so covered with ice, that the sleighing continues tolerably good.

Congress. The session of Congress is now drawing to a close, and what further measures that body will adopt for carrying on Mr. Polk's wars, and how much the two new regiments of regulars are to be enlarged and disciplined for the service, and this is a slow process; for although the money has not fail[illegible], and Col. Cushing's volunteers still remain at Boston, our soldiers under drill are [illegible] disappointments. Would not it will be to try them [illegible], at least on Boston common? But the poor fellows are in "want of clothing & trinkets", which may [illegible] delicious furnishing by a [illegible] of 20.000 dollars; and yet it is said the companies are not filled up to the

Tuesday } cannot regard by the Bill.
11 } The gens volunteers now with
Gen. Taylor, can serve the close of this
term of service, entirely cool for it,
they can looking towards their friends
& dwellings, once with be willing
to retire to their proper employ-
ments, with strengthened zeal for
military service. Mr. Polk's fore-
cable time is just arriving, any
one the Mexican maturing is
occurring to affect its result to
the Americans. What a power is
in volunteer-arm!, and, especially
an opinion!

But suppose Mr. Polk compu-
sion, cause he be able to lead it
in subjection without, in a treasonably
enemy of at least 20,000 men?
Our elements are not unknown
of this; Truly disposed the Mexi-
cans would sign the first opportu-
nity to change liberty & equality
and rejoice at the change of
condition. Truly, we are the
most intelligent nation in the world
what a pity we have not gone a
year with Great Britain at the close
of the }

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Feb
11

Elizabeth returned about
sun set, from Halifax, with
her little Children, by Stage
to Greenfield.

12 Friday. Stormy fair warm
SW. cool day fair

Sera. Lecture
Lyceum
of this
Lecture

An exhibition, at our Town
Hall this Evening by B. F. Somerby
some others, on the nature of the
Magnetic Telegraph, with other
scientific illustrations.
Two Telegraphs placed in diff-
rent parts of the Hall, were be
made to work before the audience
and the whole operation ex-
plained.
Many other curious experi
ments were performed.
One of the Gentlemen brought
to my room, the magnetic telegraph
and exhibited its operation. The
machine is small, not exceeding
in length some of the instruments
of the same nature in our acc
ing. Gun powder cotton to be
exploded and a repeaters, and the
laws of gravity suspended by attracting

Feb. Tickits 12½ cents. The
12 while will no doubt be con
ducive of the attention of the pupils
to so far as students, since some
of the experiments are not
provided in our books.
Thus much of instruction I draw
from the list, since it is left to
their respective views, from
the circumstances elementary
courses of this institution.

13 Sunday Warm fine, wind
SW, terminated the cloudy
promise cloudy.

My Son Arthur arrived in
the evening, having been absent
5 Months in 5 days, on the
journey of the Platte Lake road
with Mr. Hayward et
ra.

14. Monday. Warm cloudy.
wind SW, the day partially
fair, once pretty calls
15 Tuesday Mar. cloudy, wind
SW. but most the day
fair with scattering clouds

Feb 15.

My son Nathan having received an appointment as Engineer on the Burlington & Redland Rail Road, & Billerica falls in the Commonwealth, is desirous to remove his family to Burlington to take up the residence which he is engaged on the road — he says about 1500 miles from home, his station about 51 miles.

My son's appointment pleases.

Mr Wm B. Gilbert, who has been about the Surveys on the route, is the principal Engineer of the road. There are perhaps some doubts, but I understand that capitalists in Boston have become engaged in the enterprise, and this may insure the completion of the work.

In the decline of my contemporaries age, in clasping to my feelings, but I must submit to circumstances.

If my friends find with me will not regret, I am content to assign the

Feb 9 cause, for I have endeavored
15 to promote their happiness &
prosperity; nor do I doubt
but there are those who are finding
fault with my
expressions. Also there are
such among mankind, who
old age has smoked the cri-
mson mantling feble cheek
hollow eyes; then the labor of fain-
ting should be found in to
make the object as comfort-
able as possible. Every
thing short of this
Which I have mentioned, I warrant
tion of our family, I warrant
not interpose objections to my
son course in business un-
bestowed to his welfare, but
only regret the necessity which
pro cures it.
His taste for the study of law
& longing has been evident, and
for several years
last; he has
not yet
been capable of an

90 feet reserved to the public road
Subject my hope is, that he may avoid
15. in future the strictest scrutiny in the
which he is now engaged.

16 Tuesday. Warm cloudy, wind
N.E. very cloudy.

This day gave a deed to my son
Jeremiah Curtis, of my homestead farm & all
lands & buildings on the south part of Dear
land & lying that, bounded south land
Rufus Sexton & Mr West; and at
same time took a deed from said
Curtis of the northerly part of
his homestead & buildings, bounded south
on my farm & Rufus & the same on
which I now reside; and by extend
burdensome to me my to him said
one half of the lot on his property
to me Written mutual deeds.
He gave the same day conveyed
my other lot to John Fowler
the part of the premises secured by a
mortgage from said Fowler to said Co
William Bagley, one of the Cashiers of
the Amoskeag Bank in Boston.

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Augustus Ball Dr

To 5 glasses wine	$ 031
To 3 glasses Sherry	018
" 1 mug Sherry	" 25
" 2 glasses Punch	" 18
" 2½ glass Sherry	" 09
" glass wine	" 06
" glass Sherry	" 06
" 1 pint Rum — 6/9 —	" 125
" 2 glass Punch	" 18
" 3 glass Punch	" 18
	$ 1.25

Guy Fawkes Dr

To Glass to breakfast — 5¢	15
" Horse Keeping — 90¢	90
	$ 1.05

Benjamin Allston Dr

To 1 glass Sherry	$ 018
To 2 glass Sherry	18

Reuben Simmons Dr
By Cigars (payable in the tavern) 50

Dr Hyde —
To Supper — " — " — 31
Horse & 2 qts Oats 12
" to stay one night — 25
" 2 Qts Oats 6
Lodging 12
" 2 Qts Oats 6
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Dr Hyde Dr
To 1 Breakfast — 31

J. B. Dickinson Dr
to 1 supper Paid 25

Jun 18th Walter Gray Dr
to 1 glass Sling 0 06
to 4 glasses Punch 25

Deerfield April 28th 1828

Fred Augustus Ball Dr

	to 3 glass Shing	$ 0	18
	" half mug Shing		13
29	" one glass Shing		6
	" " " "		6
31	" 2 " "		13
	" 1 " "		6
	Travelling with furniture Do		
	to 1 mug Shing		25
	" 3 mugs Shing		75
	" 1/2 mug Shing		18

Paid

Thomas Bardwell Dr

	to supper	$	25
	to 2 glasses		13
	to 2 glasses		12

Paid

Francis Ball Dr

	to half mug Shing	$ 0	13

F. A. Ball Cr

By Acct to balance 2 00

Gentlemen with Cattle Dr

To 2 Breakfasts	(with family)	33
" 2 dinners	" "	33
" 1 Cigar		2
" 1 Sling		6
" 1 Sling		6
" 1 Cigar		2
1 Sling		6
1 Cigar		2
" 2 Breakfasts		33
" Grass keeping		25
" 4 Pack Oats		1.00
" 18 Cattle to hay		
" 6 " " " in barn		

Paid

28 Paid

Jno R. Ball Dr

to cash Lent ~~one dollar~~ paid 2 00

~~to cash Lent~~ ~~25~~

Paid

Traveller Dr

To Supper with family	17
" Breakfast "	17
Horse keeping	25
Lodging	10
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Benjamin Atkinson Dr

to 2 suppers	15
to half a day	5

Deerfield 20. January 1828

Fred. A. Ball Dr

To 1 peck Oats		17
" 1 glass string		6
" 1 " string		6
" 1 mug 7 lips	— —	25

Oliver Stacer Dr

to one glass string		6
" " " "		6
		12

Mr Horace Jones Dr

to half mug 7 lips	—	13

Paid

Augustus Trask Dr

to 2 strings		13

Paid

Baxter Stebbins Dr

to cash Lent	— —	1 50

Paid

Ebenezer H. Williams Dr

to cash Lent		$ 3 00

Martha Ford Dr

to cash Lent		$ 1 00

Paid

Ebenezer H. Williams Dr

to cash Paid Jun[illegible]		$ 0 15

Paid

January 19. 1828

R. G. Cooley Dr

To 6 Spanish Cigars 12

Paid

Seth Frank Dr

To 1 1/2 mug Flip 13

20. Gentlemen with Cattle

To 2. Mashes Hing 13

" 2 Dinners 50

" 1 Cigar 2

" Pint Cider 3

Paid

16 Cattle to hay

" " up to barn over night

" 1 Cigar 2

to 3 glasses Sling 18

to one peck Oats 17

Horse keeping 25

1 Sling 6

Joel et Baith Dr

Set

To one mug sling 25

" one mug do 25

Paid

Warfield Jany 17th 1828
Gentlemen Gray Stock
One Half mug Cider
One Cigar

Paid

Travellers
3 p Bushels Oats
one Supper — 2 5
" Sling 6
" mug Cider 6

Paid

Mr Clemy
1/2 cracker & Sling

Mr Perkins (Colerain)
3 Bushels Oats — 50c 1.50

18 F. R. Ball Ds —
1/2 to one glass Sling 6
1/2 to one glass sling — — 6

Paid

Deerfield Jan 9th 1828

Wanton Trask Dr

to 1/2 mug sling — $ 12

Paid

Solon Trask Dr

to 1/2 mug sling — 12

Paid

Walter Gray Dr

to one glass gin — 6

" one glass punch — 6

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14 Fred A Ball Dr

to three glasses sling — $ 18

to one glass punch — 6

Cr as above

By wood 67

Cr. to 2 glasses sling — " 13

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to 1 1/2 glass sling — 09

Paid

Wanton Trask Dr

to one mug sling $ 25

" " " 25

to one glass sling 06

Ralph Simms Dr

to one glass sling $ 06

Deerfield Jan 7 1828

Dr Harman Gray Dr

To 4 glasses wine		$ 25
Ralph Stearns Dr		
To supper		25
" breakfast		9
Gray Stearns Dr		
To supper		26
To one glass wine		6
William Baker Dr		
To board from Friday morning to Monday Morning		77
" Horse keeping from Friday eve'g to Tuesday evening		180
		$ 2.57

Credit as above

By 2 days work	1 00
" " " "	1 00
	2 00

Dr as above

To horse keeping 8 days to Wednesday eve'g 16th Jan. @ 45c		3.60
" 3 days board @ 33c		99
horse keeping		45
Cash paid Hand keeper		$ 1.00

Dr

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Deerfield Jan 3 1828

Paid Winston Frank	Dr	
to half mug flip		0 12½
Augustus Ball	Dr	
to supper		20
" one glass sling		6
Joel A Booth	Dr	
Settled to supper		20
to ½ mug flip		12
Mr Bowen	Dr	
to supper		20
" 2 glasses sling		12
Paid Hiram Ellis Esq	Dr	
to 1 glass sling		6
Paid Drury Williams	Dr	
to one glass sling		0 6
Traveler	Dr	
to one glass sling		0 6
to supper		2 5
to horse keeping		2 5
lodging		1 0
		6 6

Deerfield Dec 29 1847

Curtis Adams Dr.

Nov	to 1 sling		06
	" 1 sling		06
	" 1 sling		06
	1 sling		06
	2 slings and supper		29
30	Mr Severance for to 2 slings		0.12½
Nov	Augustus Ball Dr		
	to one sling and a half		0.9
31	Mr Severance Dr		
	to one sling		6
	Ralph Norris Dr		
	to 1 glass sling		06
Dec	Mr Percy Dr (M. Brooks)		
	to 2 glass sling		13
	Augustus Ball Dr		
	to glass sling		06
Jan	Sal Bostic Dr		
	to 1 glass sling		06
	Mr Severance Dr		
	to one glass sling		06
	" half mixed glass		12

Deerfield Dec. 24th 1827

	Curtis Adams Dr		$ ¢
	to 4 slings		.50
	" 2 meals		" .33
	" 1 sling 1 sling and dinner		" 2.12½
	" one lating		" 12½
	" Lodging		" 10
	" one quart cider		" .06
	Hiram McKee Dr		
	to Mr Boothe's board from this time Dec-27-1827		
	Curtis Adams Dr		
	to 2 meals		$ 0.33
	Benjamin Ball Dr		
	to one sling		" .06
	Curtis Adams Dr		
	to 1 Mel		" .06
	Mr Lacer Dr		
	to 1 Mel dinner		"
	Curtis Adams Dr		
	to 1 meal & lodging & 3 slings		0.55

Paid | Deerfield Dec. 25. 1827

Atleton Dr

To Supper & Bling — 36

Paid | Horace Stanhebatter Dr

To Ball Bill — 2 75

Rodney G. Cooley Dr

To Ball Bill — 2 75

Paid | George Dickinson Dr

To Ball Bill — 2 75

Paid | Luther Howland Dr

To balance of Ball Bill — 55

Hiram McKee Dr

To Ball Bill — 2 75

" dinner — 25

" Lodging — 10

Paid | Charles Hoyt Dr Paid

To Ball Bill — 2 75

Paid | George Cooley Dr Paid

To Ball Bill — 2 75

27 | Guy Severance Dr

To 2 Breakfasts — 4/6 — 57

" 1 Supper — 25

Alex Rice Dr Guy Severance Cr

To Hay — 13

Seneca A. Stebbins Dr

To dinner — 25

Paid | Orsin Hastings to Pasts Tax — 56

Deerfield Dec. 25. 1829

Paid Henry Newton Dr

To Supper — 30

Paid H. Clapp Dr

To Supper — 30

Paid E. Ball Dr

To Supper 30

" Spirits after Supper 9

Paid Manton Wash Dr

To Supper — 30

" Spirits &c 30

Walter Gray Dr

Paid To Supper & Spirits 30

" 1/2 Pint Gin 13

Guy Severance Dr

To Supper & Spirits 30

" 1/2 Pt. Gin 13

Guy Severance Dr

To 1 Qt Rum — 50

Selah Wash Dr

To Supper 60

Walter Newton Dr

To Supper 36

E. Rice Dr

To Spirits 36

Paid Sugar Wash Dr

To Spirits 36

J. C. D. Wednesday. Morn. Cloudy 9°
17 (1847) Wind N.: Some snow last night
the day mostly fair.

The exhibition which was to have been made at our Town-Hall on the 12th instant (see northward in page 84) took place last night, with a pretty full audience; the experiments I saw performed were on a satisfactory. The lecturer is to perform at Greenfield this evening, a second time.

This our young man have an easy and cheap method of obtaining a tinting of photography. But as says the Poet "Such science in low cry-shade" is a perfectable method. Such experiments are of great use to the mechanical student, but generally lost on the multitude, who cannot be made learned.

The Saco abey, the promoter of the lecture, made a call — a person scientific and agreeable. Studies in the Boston or Newbury Port. Success to the progress of useful Science!

92 Thursday. A strong fierce wind
May N.E.; very fierce wind at S.W.
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This day about 11 Mark,
Departing my son Arthur, his wife Eliza
ence of bitter on their little Charles took
my son the rail road cars for Greenfield
a family on their journey to Burlington
Vt., there to reside during his
employment on the Rail road
from Burlington to Rutland &
thence to Bellows Falls. From
Greenfield they proceed in a
Stage coach by Brattleborough.

I have respect my sensations on
Reg this separation of our family.
on th (on page 89) one can only add,
on my ardent wishes for the prosperity
and happiness of my dispersed
connections.

The business in which my son
is engaged, is arduous and requires
assiduous application; but if it
seems in every instance to his taste
and habits, which are of the
"go ahead" sort, and have of late

7 M. J. papers were empty in pro-
18 secuting a work on commerce &c
a trait in the character of an En-
gineer, if it be regretted by the
many } consideration of great importance
other } The roots of the road lies through
a country industrial principally, by
New Englanders people, whose vision
ness & customs are of the same
cast, since Stuart, very efficient
favors the people of Illinois when
they saw every several years exer-
tion in his profession.

19 Friday. Mornings cloudy wind
N. & All snow fell

20 Saturday. Morn. cloudy,
wind N.E. one day. Cloudy.

21 Sunday. Morn cloudy with
snow & N. wind; the day con-
tinued with the same.

22 Monday. Cloudy morn, wind
N.E. Snow of yesterday & last
night 4 or 5 inches. The day pro-
sovery most of the time

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Feb 22 This Vol. contains the transactions on the Columbia river, in Oregon, the arrival at St. Francisco in Upper California, & transactions there; the return to the Pacific Islands, then to Manilla, Singapore in Malacca, and thence round the Cape of Good Hope, touching at St Helena, to New York City. Jan 10th 1842

Exploring Expedition Vol. 5.

The most important discovery of Lewis is the Southern Continent which is now established, I think, with certainty. Surveys have been made of several groups of Islands, based on this conclusion detailed hereafter what manner; and on the whole I think the Expedition has been useful & honorable to our Country. The separate Reports of the scientific corps, it is hoped, will be published to the public in full, as they will be the most interesting to the men of Science.

The work as written by the commander, Charles Wilkes U.S.N., is accurate in detail; and more of it bears at any limits. I should

Feb 22. Yet he sometimes dwells too much upon mere insignificant items, which may be [redacted] common place re~~marks~~ lectures, not altogether interesting to men of science. But as the work is intended for general perusal, perhaps these will not be deemed defects. The plates & woodcuts are numerous, & of rather too elegant & soft for old eyes; even in the form the letters are so indistinct that they cannot be read without a magnifier. & perhaps mine became common with Engravers. Why this attempt to render obscure what may be made plain? I do not see.

The voyage commenced in 1838 & was ended in 1842, just about a century after that of Lord Anson. On a perusal of the two voyages the ~~[illegible]~~ critical observer will notice the improvement that has taken place in the Navigation of Ships during the past century. Prior to that period no certain or [illegible] method of determining Longitude was known. Lunars are clear & necessary [illegible]

94 but always extremely uncertain,
Feb 7 and the Ships place doubtful.
22. The various modes of determining
longitude by celestial observations
and by chronometers, has re
moved the uncertainty; and
the outline of the land in
all parts of the globe, is now
ascertained with accuracy
nearly anticipated a century
ago; and the health of the
crews equalled as secure as a
journey on land. Other lands
may yet be discovered on the
wide ocean, but the principal
groups, it is believed, have been
visited, and their positions as
signed on the map of the world.
It now remains to diffuse the
arts, science and civilization
through all parts of the earth
and to render man worthy of
the dignity of human beings.
23 Tuesday Mean fine, wind S.E.
the snow now clears the
at any time during the winter
days rain throughout.

Feby Wednesday. Mun: fair, cloudy
24. N.E. cold air and clear clear.

Gen. Thus President Polk ordered Gen.
Taylor to advance into the Mexican
Lower territory and assume a war
Mary for occupying the country, I do not
doubt that the
democrat doubtless that the
march to the City of Mexico would
be effected within a few months,
and the nation conquered at a
stroke, by a small army of
militia volunteers? This does now
seem to be questionable. The first
volunteers have nearly served out
their time, new corps are to march
on to take their places, and two
new regiments of regulars are
to be raised & enlisted for the service.
In short the war seems just cap-
ricious, since our entire war feeling
may turn from this, that we
can not quite so easily fall into war as
they had supposed. The blindness
below entertained of success, is to be
explained only on the ignorance of
a majority of the people of military of-
rations, all the out of war.

98 Thursday. Wind clearly, rain
July N.E. and warm and pelting. The
25 tide gone 10 sun broke out
over the clay bank

Eight companies of Col. Gerrish's
volunteer regiment have embarked
in Boston harbor, for Marblehead;
2 others, not being on rendezvous, re-
main under command of Major
Abbott. A specimen of mutiny
was exhibited by the Irish company
(B) on embarking; the men refused
to go on board until they had re-
ceived the enlistment money, to which they
claimed to have been promised, and they
returned, in a body, to their barracks.
Enlistment was sent to company
officers, and through the exertions
of Col. Gerrish, they consented to go
aboard. From this specimen of in-
subordination, Col. Gerrish & his of-
ficers, may see the difficulties
they have to encounter in com-
manding volunteers; and the mys-
tery is, that one so well informed
as is the Colonel, that he should
be willing to be placed at their head.
He must knowledge, practically, fully

one volunteer

a mutiny

Feb 2 when the men are put to the
25 rigid duties of the camp, cause
Loose generally expressive the remark of
discipline Washington that no men who are
in gen. his heart will risk his
volent reputation in the command of
such troops. A court martial
if expressly has been ordered on board
Court one of the vessels, for the trial of sev
martial eral of the offenders, but it must
not on be confessed of inflicting severe
ceed punishment, since the officers
differed on the main law. Three
felons. Thing will, no doubt, soon
see the justness of the reason of
Good Morrow of the Revolution. That
every the mutiny the choice of their
officers, will forever more the
abolition of commissions. Our volun
teer officers, seem not to have
attended to this fact. Our mili
tary discipline has been
imbibed from the slavish spirit
the parades, as trifling as use
less. The idea that every able bo
died man, is a soldier, must be relinquished
as a standing force. Not use in time
of peace. Thus however strange

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might be avoided by adopting a wise system of militia discipline, very different from the present system, which is in fact, but a show, that be wilder rather than instructs. If Col. Cushing's regiment reaches Mexico, without further mutiny, he will be fortunate, but many of his men will turn their longing eyes to their homes before the war closes, and all will find that their path of duty is most thorny with roses. My pity is peculiar when I view them marching the circle the way of a vertical screw, half semi struggling with the material of Mexico. But fellows! How little do they anticipate such scenes and rifled on the morrow, that will [illegible] the ground with their bones, in a war waged for the conquest of a neighboring country, fighting in defence of its liberty and rights.

Last Evening an Irish Philanthropy meet slewed a subject for the relief of the slavery

7 My people of Ireland from whom
25. we have the most thankfully ac-
counts in the papers. The sub-
scriptions are in money & vessels
are to be forwarded by rail road
to Boston where a committee is
appointed to receive whatever is
contributed, and arrangements
made to ship it to Ireland with
all possible speed. The famine is
supposed to be owing to the loss of
the potato crop. Death has been
the chief servant of the God of
Ireland & other parts of Europe
are said to be suffering from the
same cause, particularly Scotland.
It now becomes the duty of all the
friends of humanity to contribute their
mite. Great numbers of it is seed
here already furnished & steel,
finally the supply will be here
by increase before sufficient can
be obtained.

26 Friday. Warm fair, wind N.E
& cold air, and open clear fal
lowed. Sunday and Lesson Hawks of Wester
27 Saturday. Warm cloudy, wind
N.E. with considerable snow

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elevating the city. Writes more fully in its elevating esprit and firmness to continue sanitary.

The pecuniary condition of the poor in Ireland & Scotland is great in our presence cannot fail to excite the sympathy of every humane man in our country, and we are gratified to learn that our trustees are now exerting the means of affording relief by subscription of money or bread stuffs to be forwarded to a committee in Boston who are making arrangements for shipping the relief to the proper points for delivery. The distance keeps the attention is great, and while we contribute our mites we are heedful they may not convey sensibly to sense the horrors of the sufferers. But if flotilla of steam ships could be loaded in all our ports, one portion might

carry

Feb 27 carry them to the ferrying
27 levels and save many from an
untimely death. In such an
employment what a contrast is
presented to the war which
christianity has waged against Mexi-
co, for the purpose of plundering
property and territory!

28 Sunday. Warm cloudy, wind W.
Lastnight some rain; this day cloudy,
but sun occasionally seen and
an evening.

March.

1 Monday Mum fair, wind
N.W. and day pleasantly fair. 2 o'clock
our annual meeting for choo-
sing town officers & the regulation
of its affairs the ensuing year.
In these meetings the business
is generally conducted without
much disorder, excepting when
the democratic spirit becomes
exalted, in which case disorder
appears, especially in the town
where the parties are nearly equal.

Model

A new and extensive department, to be called the Scientific school of the University of Cambridge, in which engineering, mining operations, road making and practical sciences are to be taught. Students may enter the school one year.

Engineering to be taught in the Cambridge University.

Our terms to those entering for the law school (say the new professors) annual expense 1000 dollars.

Reg. A good mathematician may become a scientific engineer without travelling through the other studies of the University. Hence branches of science might be substituted for some other taught in the University, and nothing essential lost to practical men.

A University education is supposed to embrace all branches of knowledge, but it is in fact only preparatory to the study of the professions pursued among us. When the student, thus prepared, select his profession

Mark he must concentrate his

1. general knowledge to the prin-
cipal points of his profession
Professional by an assiduous comp
Studies of study, joined to practice, he
may become eminent. Mark
human excellence on a taste for
his profession, without which he
will never excel.

2 Industry. Man fear, and
followed with a fear, and
cold air.

Examining the latest advices we
find Gen. Scott, was many
forward, adventurous, to invest Vera
Cruz, and carry it by siege.
The distance from that place is stat
at 200 miles from the City of Mex
ico and the country broken and
mountainous; and should Scott succ
ceed, the latter city will still be
beyond his grasp. In our
Military men, the capture and
possession of an powerful sea-ports
will be a source of some tumu
a consequent of the country. Here, contrary to
well the wonder of the present Mexican

104. Wednesday. Warm pleasant
March 3. wind S.W. and pleasing weather still in full vigor.

Entertainment of an hospital with the co

The whole of the Massachusetts regiment of volunteers has embarked at Boston for service in Mexico, which probably it will arrive about the commencement of the hot season. If ordered to the siege of Vera Cruz, which in that climate during the hot season, we think last a small fortune will return to their New England homes, after the war is ended. The stirring martial spirit may have induced the young men to engage in the service, but have perhaps they will be disappointed when the iron hand of discipline is laid upon them and so many disengagements are found urging them to the bedside of bargeos. The offices, the bubbly, and below many have been the mercenary, but even they find themselves placed in the lowly fields of labor.

Mark 3 But for what purpose are these troops, jeopardizing their lives? Not for the defence of their country — Not for the propagation of liberty and the rights of man! — No! but for the base purpose of conquest of a neighboring republic. Impartial history will present this outrage in all its hideous, and the present rulers of Europe will learn how little reliance is to be placed in an oath of fidelity. But at the same time they will perceive that the war was waged by willed democracy, and defended by the true friends of the country and mankind at large. A more happy dispensation, it is hoped, is now governing in the old States of the Union, especially in the north-ern section; and many call in the Union are now return to the true principles of Washington and his co-patriots, the only system that can make us prosperous & honorable.

Design of the war

108 Thursday. Rain partially during
March to west. N.W. stay fire 2 days
4. ~~The~~ 5th stay closed the session of
Congress and Mr Polk is left
Superior to manage the war on his
own discretionary and with the
advice of Senator Benton, who, they
not directly to the weight of Supt.
General, may be the President's
confidential counsellors. But one
thing is clear, that neither he nor
Mr Polk, can longer disguise the no
tion of the war; for the people be
gin to perceive its turpitude, and the
East may at length "set them to rights"
The war, however, may teach our
rulers war hawks, that we are not
so powerful, military nation as they
had supposed; that our land
can imposition and respectability, is
not to be sustained by a moral
people, and that the axe, the
blade, & other implements of agri
culture, are the proper weapons
for our backwoodsmen, instead of
the rifle & tomahawk.

Our General Court is still in
session and a multiplicity

March business before it. which may
4 hold out the Session to April
Ord if not later. I have repeatedly
Gen stated a more respectable and
Cont transacting business has not been adopted
and I think this is preferable. One fourth of a session for the transaction of the business of a State like ours, is inadequate & calls for correction.

The Present Legislature accomplished this critical business in about 6 months, and if we allow double that time for ours, we would suppose ample time would be given for the transaction of all important business in ours.

5 Territory: Mr. Lane removed
Sw and Clay Sen
News papers reports say, a detachment of nearly 100 South Carolinians, has been surprised and captured by a strong force of Texans: Among the
St captives are Lemuel: Clay the
Clay Coffins & Captain M. Clay the notice Editor of an anti-slavery
Wm paper in Kentucky. By the
way who have witnessed the signs

Summerset of Lect. Clay, his
such conduct will hardly be consid-
5. ered a proper loss. His visits
His [illegible] his speaking in a manner exhibiting
merit. } Slavery, is too ridiculous to re-
quire a defence. His reasons
which induced of a paper, which not
[illegible] astonishment by his opinions
serve he became a volunteer in
the Polks war of invasion for
the conquest of territory, upon the
extension of Slavery. We leave
the Sentiment in the hands of
and the Virginians, who may read
folly } him, that they have rights as
well as ourselves; and that
patriotism of zeal, in the cause
of Anti-Slavery, avail no other,
when a good cause is found
in fanatics. Mr Clay recalls him
rather the character he has lost
by his folly.

From the foregoing extract of
the work, it appears that
the Virginians are determined
to resist an unwelcome force,
with their extreme energy.
They are, be because in general

Marsh engagements and so were we in the early part of our war of independence; but time and experience taught us how to fight, and the same process may bring into the field troops of equal prowess. Too late then, we may regret that we have taught them their strength & converted them to a military nation which may retaliate the wrongs we have inflicted upon them.

6 Saturday. Warm fine, wind N. we obtain fresh & pattiedu

7 Sunday. Warm cloudy, wind W. — the day continued cloudy with some fog on the hills and a complete coat of snow on the Ground. Some rain P.M. The perusal gave us gratifying account of the efforts making for the relief of the starving people & Poles & scattered

112 What a contrast between this
Monk and the true spirit which the
7. missionary has raised against the
Antipedobaptists, because they are
unwilling to expend their country
agent in respectability.

8 Monday. Mass. Cloudy, cold
S.W. - Sun out before noon.
Cool day.

Rec'd a letter from Elizabeth
Arthur, dated at Mt
Pleasant, stating
her husband intended to be with us
by Saturday to make a short
stay at that place; they expect to remain
than about three weeks, and then
to take up residence at Brookfield.
They arrived at Middlebury on
Monday the 22d ultimo, first sum
day at Rutland. Arthur, she
says, is very busily engaged on the
survey.

9 Tuesday. Mass. Partially cloudy
warm. Warm the day
continued nearly the same
throughout.

Mark

10. Wednesday. Mornings cloudy
cause S.W. P.M. clear &
showery verse. Received letter
to Authors wife at Middle
bury Vermont, in answer to hers
of the 2d instant.

11. Thursday. Morn fair, later
N.W. cold; the day continued
fair but rather cold; cause some
clouds at night.

12 Friday. Morn clear, wind
S.W.; the day very clear, but
in short much unsupportable as the
snow. Since 12 cau. Jem &
Jonas left our road waggon clad
loaded with Cattle for the Boston
for market.

13 Saturday. Morn foggy
cloudy - wind N.W. P.M.
fair one color wind N.E.
We have a rumor that a
battle has occurred near Sal
tillo between Gen. Taylor & Santa

Mch but its speculation has
18 been received. It may turn out
a mere rumor, but it is not
improbable, seeing the recent fate
of Gen. Scott's operating on
the coast against Vera Cruz.
There is the present aspect of
the crew it is clear that the Mex-
icans are far from being a
conquered people; and until the
a permanent government and
an adequate public treasury
the mexicans could repeal the
existing fame of the Polk and
Cass, & his party, that
a reserve of expectation cannot be
maintained by a moral people.
14 Sunday. Mean fair, and N.
cold air, and the clay
frozen, but the sun rays made
very little impression on the
snow.
15 Monday. Mean fair and N.W.
and clay generally clear, but
cold air.
Our rail road has been

March fifteen hours per Day, and at 15
15. is some danger of a considerable
over amount of property to Bertrain
and Prentiss, as well as passengers.
and When the road will be extended
to join the Connecticut from Green-
field is still a question of doubt.
and depends on the constitution
of some roads on other routes.
The project for a rail road
from Williamsett to Leeds and
from Williamsett coming to a
close, since a petition is now
presented to the general Court, for
one from Belchertown through Belcher
town Amherst, Sunderland & the
Bridge over the Connecticut at
the latter Town. Between the
people of these Towns defray the
expense; and what capitalist
at a distance, will invest his
money in that enterprise, merely
upon the benefit of a few Towns
16. Tuesday. Warm fair and SW.
and fair day, but cold.

16 March 16 — Our Polks "Fourmerly Scouts" are prosecuting the war in Mexico in vain & closing, and why has this season been lost? The enemy is ready. The men were commanded without preparation; the volunteers plenty prance of little worth, and experience has taught, that steady regular troops alone can be relied on. Still many military men of judgment, have at the beginning; but whether regulars or volunteers are employed in the last season the malaria of Mexico will probably make a horrid sweep in their ranks; and yet an inconsiderate young man rushes upon this service in ignorance of these facts as they are of the injustice of the war.

17 Wednesday. Warm fair, and W. wind fair day. Weather warm, as cold yet the snow melts but slowly. Sleighing pretty good

March 9 The sun being so 117
17. near the vernal equinox, it
The peculiarly singular that the weath
ver continues so colder compared
with the temperature of the au
tumnal equinox which is differ
ent. But when we reflect that
the lower N of 30 or 40 degrees of Lat
in the northern hemisphere is cov.
ered with snow and a cold
atmosphere, the reason
ceases; since without the existence
of internal heat in the earth, we
might look for a longer con
tinuance of the snowy canopy.
" This at ~~this~~ point not effect
a change
" with hands in trouble, and cast to
their laws."
10 Thursday Mon fine, wind
SW. - PM cloudy.
Wrote a Letter to Col. Bryant &
Isabella (Greenfields).
11 Friday Mon broken clouds
wind SW afternoon fair
wind NE. Gale

1848 Saturday. Mom fair,
March 20 wind N.E. Afternoon cloudy
wind S.W.

The Polk's "favorable season" for pushing his question into Southern Mexico, is now nearly closed as well as the terms of his first volunteer corps. Indeed Senator Benton has pronounced to the north of Lat. Gonzales with a strong branch would be "tardy" movements of Generals Scott and Gray

Senator Benton

have Tarrived on element is twelve. No! The original and proposed strategy of the Senator, untouched by the power rules of war, have induced him ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ on this time, to give the Chiefs of Montezuma & lessons to the Mexicans to the most abject terms. For any thing we know, the Senator may ~~[illegible]~~ propose the giving up of a Gonzales, and who is ~~[illegible]~~ able to discuss

20 with unanimity gratification,
them Mr Polk?! But the Senator
it appears, declines his appoint
ment of Major General in the
army, since he cannot act
under General Scott and Taylor
as a subordinate as circumstances
occur.

If the Senator possesses the sacri
fice talents of a Commander
it is a little singular that
they have not been known
long ago and the Cause of Mexico
in the war days, when we have
his own word for it, would have
by Mr Polk

21 Sunday. Cloudy morn with
fog & gentle rain, cease at
the day.

Snow now at the usual equinox
and the ground covered with the
snow. Day cloudy with some
rain

22. Monday. Cloudy morn - cand
N.E. & rain. Still the day cloudy
and very little thawing of the snow

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The month thus far has been as cold as the preceding winter

23. Tuesday. Mon. cloudy - wind N E. cool day the scene

Island of Lobos. (Lobos)

Island of Lobos

A portion of the island belongs to the state of Mexico, the seaport. The Island is a lonely little spot, about 2 miles in circumference, 12 miles from the Mexican shore, about miles from Tampico, and some 130 miles from Vera Cruz. It is covered with trees & shrubs; black dirt water is found by digging from 4 to 6 feet. Birds and fowl are in profusion; and with them we have a delightful sea breeze, that 14 hours out of 24 makes the place pleasant; but we are really roasting during a portion of the day. The sun is so hot that our pens & ink are blistered if exposed only a few moments.

Hurah! To day by Jackson's, in the
23 the shade, I scored 92 degrees.
Heard the remark among the volunteers
of "is, if this is winter, what will sum
mer be"? There are few sick in
our regiment, since they are from the
country.

Gen. Scott's forces, it is supposed,
cut off opposite at the island, leave
the coast at a new Tampico
co. will make a land march
to Vera Cruz. But at this season
it will be singular if they escape
fatal sickness, and if they
carry Vera Cruz by siege, the
march to the Mexican capital
will be 200 miles, over a barren
prairie, a difficult country,
and under the nearly vertical rays
of the sun. Under these circumstances
the loss of a great portion of the
troops would not be singular.
At this season military operations
within a mile of the tropics are attended
by fatal ~~sickness~~ sickness, especially among
new troops from the temperate
regions.

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Mark 23. In a work entitled a System of extra View of the formation, discipline, and economy of Armies he author says "the revolution of a season kills or renders ineffective two thirds of a regiment, or of an army, attached to the service of the islands in the West Indies". (Dr Robert Jackson on epidemic-fever 3d edition printed London. 1804)

Effects of hot season on troops

Invasion of St Domingo.

In 1802 Bonaparte sent a fleet to St Domingo, consisting of 35.000 of his best troops, and a considerable fleet to take every hold possession of the island: In the course of 4 or 5 months the French troops were reduced to 13.000 men by pestilence and the sword, and the island was restored to its negro government. Numerous other

Monday 23 | might be cited to show the fatality of campaigns in regions in, or near, tropical countries. Bonaparte's army sailed from Toulon in December 1801, and the campaign closed in the following May, but the "favorable season" was not wasted from sweeping sickness, and the commander Leclerc, and several of his best officers fell victims to the climate. Should the war with Mexico continue through the approaching hot season, I tremble for the fate of our detached volunteers, who will strew the fields of Mexico, and serve as mementos of the injustice of a struggling nation, which has lost its sense of right & rectitude, in its inordinate avidity.

24. Wednesday. Morn. partially cloudy but soon fair, and warm. W. the day generally standing

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The New-York Herald of the 22 instant, contains very vague accounts of a Battle between Gen. Taylor's forces & those Santa Anna, near Saltillo, in which Gen. Taylor lost 2000, and Santa Anna 4000 men. The accounts are incoherent and uncertain; but that a battle has occurred is probable. Gen. Taylor is said to have retreated to Monterey, & last seen on his wagon train, on his line of operation with the Rio Grande, exposed to the Mexican elated frontier. His force is stated to be from 5000 to 6000, while the Mexican from 20,000 to 25,000, a part of the regular troops being with Gen. Scott on the expedition against Vera Cruz. The number seems to have been hurried on both sides & is conjectural. We wait for more authentic accounts. The general rumor has been blown as the account stands on the 28 and 22 of [illegible]

Reports of a Battle in Mexico

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Mark 24 It is singular that no thing definite has been heard of from Gen Taylor, at this time. This delay is to be accounted for, only on the supposition that the communication between Monterey and the Rio Grande has been cut off by Santa Anna's forces; one of the numerous forces of the Mexicans, was so great as the accounts state, that it is not improbable; In this case Mr. Polk may find it necessary to call for more volunteer corps; for this too new regiments are in contemplation the officers & men are to be disciplined, before they are marched into the battle field. Expense money. Mr Polk are useful Expenditures. That before he invades a country he should be prepared for it; and that new fledged Generals should try their courage before they attempt a flight. Senator

No account from Gen Taylor

Benton

126. Burton may, however, be an
Amateur recipient, for

24. "He asks no angel's wing, no seraph's fire"
Sir Ian Burton } to cure his absent ♀. At Phillips
Lt. General & commander in Chief.

The modesty of this man reminds me of Gray's Bear in the Boat.

"A Bear of sharp and manly mien
"Of distinguished extract enough,
"For chastity, and self-restraint,
"Seven after seven he robbed the sea-wave,
"Thus thriving on industrious toil,
"He stood in high-spirited spirit,
"His trick so swell'd with conceit
"He thought as enterprize to great.
"Alike in science & in arts,
"He taught the universal parts;
"Frequenter, busy, bustling bold,
"His evergreence was unexhaustedness:
"Since thus he made his plenty good,
"Not grave elevation of the wood.
"The beasts, with admiration stare
"Have think him a Jerusalem Bear.

March In his sweep, in navigating his
24. boat, see fable 5th vol. 2d. & his
Fable is replete with hints, for
the consideration of our national af-
fairs at this time
25. Wednesday. Mean hazy, but
tolerable fair; and wind SW; the
Nell Clear fair and air a little softened
read In the afternoon cut off some road
road frequent obstructions
encountered from the sledding
south from the clearing, and
8 or 10 men are employed to re-
move the obstructions. This
is a circumstance that ought
to have been avoided in the
choice of route.
26 Friday. Mean cloudy, wind
N.E.; clear cloudy & some
snow
Prom an analysis of all the
accounts from Mexico, it appears
that there have been several clashes of
fighting between Santa Anna
and Gen. Taylor, since the letter

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General Taylor's retreat.

had been compelled to fall back towards the Rio Grande, with considerable loss of men artillery & baggage, leaving a garrison at Matamoras for its defence. Of the Mexicans on his summons on reports, they may recover the country on across that river; in which case, Gen. Scott's expedition clear the coast, and cover the capture of Vera Cruz.

Scott's movements

and will be but a short step in the conquest of Mexico. But suppose Gen. Scott obtain possession of Vera Cruz, it would be by a regular siege, and it perhaps a protracted one. It is then to receive to the Mex. seat capital at this season, when the vertical rays of the sun are shooting upon this new in full vigor, frost with the fatal pestilence once death. The fate of Benefort's troops, in the expedition to St Domingo,

Hence the Jesuits retreated with all of its houses.

27 Saturday. Cloudy morning, rain last night, & some snow in the morning, with wind from N.E. & E.; the day continued cloudy & cold. Some of the flying reports from Mexico say, Gen. Taylor is at ~~[illegible]~~ and that he has called on the Governors of the W. States for reinforcement of troops, in addition to the volunteers on the pay roll by Secy. Col. Perkins' volunteers from Massachusetts, may yet find other than a pleasant sport. Santa Anna's movements, seem to be suspended for light, and if they have captured a piece of cannon from Gen. Taylor they will again meet him in the field, with diminished numbers, and show a resistance not looked for by our wide awake hawks.

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Regiments 2d

When our Mr Polk's ten new regiments The officers are appointed, but we have nothing of the rank & file. Perhaps, like Senator Benton, they mathink the "letter front of the army is prudence", and [illegible] [illegible] bravery, secure from honor. The outcome of the operations at the time seems to be [illegible] Good. [illegible] a portion of Taylor's force observing the enemy Scott to attack Vera Cruz. Santa Anna advanced upon the former near Saltillo, hoping thus with the Buena Vista Mountain & fortified hacienda strong defilements to cut Taylor's lease on the Rio Grande. It was at the time to capture the coach with supplies & retire for the defense; come with Santa Anna was [illegible] Infinitely this is a formidable in Scott's in which cup the conquest must commence [illegible]. In the mean time Taylor with an insufficient supply of provisions, may expect [illegible].

Monday 27 Should this account, Gen. Taylor will no doubt be ~~blamed~~ pipsqueak for not. Re January so few into the country with provisions to insult a force; but undoubtedly he received his orders from the White house, by & with the consent of Senator Benton, Mr Polk's chief counsellor. What a pity the Senator is not at home of the county, with a coat Mexicanski & 3 millions of Dollars from Mr Polk's secret purse!

28. Sunday Mon. fine, cool N.; cloudy, clear, disobeying the Jesus, Lordly: the grass, snow, on the west side of hills, but the air is rather cold.

29 Monday. Mon. Cloudy & rainy, cool N.; cloudy & fair. All the accounts received from the Rio Grande, agree in representing Gen. Taylor's army as in a critical situation, either at Monterey or some position farther south, Santa Anna with the overwhelming force, holding the adjacent country, and retaining

132 strong detachments towards
with the Rio Grande to capture
29 Taylor's posts on the river side
power fancy
some can be sent, for Mr de
Supreme. Should Taylor's force
of the superior foe, he may be con
cerned Bullee to surrender his force to
the Mexicans. Several valu
tary arguments are on the journey
to Brazos, and whether they
were written in reason to offer
relief to Taylor is doubtful.
At any rate, they will be but
ill prepared for future fighting
on their deliberation.
In the meantime Scott may
capture Vera Cruz, but probably
he is since a strong force in the
mountains between him & the city
of Mexico. Thus it appears that
a country of boy soldiers of no
hesitation are not to be con
ferred at a below. Our should
any by our project struggles, can
not the mexicans to a military
nation, in many in the expense
in home to meet them.

March 29 Tuesday. Mild smoky day
30 wind S.W., clay clear & pleasant, but a plenty of water on the ground & very cold

It is rumored to day, and believed by some, that the court of Gen. Taylor's & Santa Anna's movements in Mexico, are all a fabrication. But as late as the opinions of some of the democratic papers, I am not willing to believe that the whole family of falsifiers the editors. Such erroneous impositions should sink the character of the papers to infamy. Should the perfidious policy of our Government ever resolve to blame them, and consider a display of such a shrewdness. We are not of this school, we despise falsehood in every form and shape

31. Wednesday. Mild cloudy with light showers 3 or 4 inches deep; we expect to be in full snow. The

134 The day mostly cloudy,
Thermometer at the sun's extremity 50°.
31. Cold air

Steam Mills

The expectation of our people in erecting a Steam-Mill near the new road opposite to the Mill-rose of our village, of the utility of these machines, I have first much low ledge; but if found respected I think it would be unfortunate when medium has been opening of water falls; which in a degree is the case in this town. The mill through safe from water floods, can respected to fire, and without great expense can will be compounds. I hope the enterprise will be successful.

Apriled Thursday
1. 5. Thermometer 2 and S.W.;
the day fair & cool.

The aspect is more that of the earth of winter, sliding good come a patch of ground to be seen. This is something uncommon at this season.

April 2] The Springfield Daily of apr. 1 133

1. Indian outlaws corroborative account
Dead of Saint Annie's & Gen. Taylor's opera-
tions in Mexico, but nothing official
from the latter. It appears Gen Lane
had repulsed the attacks of the Mexicans
but has been compelled to retreat to Mon-
terey, with the loss of 6 pieces of cann-
ons. which left Spiritus, and Lin-
nares & the Rio Grande completely
obstructed.

Marshal [illegible] report come, the
Mexicans are fighting for
every worthy of men who
rights are assaulted, and all
of its institutions [illegible] to
greatly [illegible] institution [illegible]
of our enlightening, which
motto, in plain language, could
be everything, [illegible] & spoil
every [illegible]

Death. We have of the death of Gen.
of Gen John Nevin of Northfield, Sheriff
New of our County, on the 30th ult. of
ons Gregorio. He attended Court last
week at Greenfield, returned home
sick, and died after a short illness

136. In the life of Gen. Nevins much
Spirit is seen that was commendable
of the
rector, some particularly in his industry
some perseverance, some untowards con
constitution, in gaining an education
compliment to the profession of law.
which he followed for several years
in the town of Northfield. If in
his younger days, he was sensibly
stung by the covert of Jefferson
man partiality in his later life
he merely commends by embracing
a regular course, which has
met the esteem of the true patriot,
and his life will be respected by
the public.

2. Friday. Mean & cloudy and
snow falling thickly, with a NW.
wind; day continuedly
and considerable snow fell.
Winter now puts on its fur
chaps & spring seems distant.

3 Saturday. Mean cloudy; wind
NW: fair at noon. They have
been

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We

April 3. We have new accounts of the battles fought between Santa Anna & Genl Taylor, on the 22nd and 23 of February, at Buena Vista, which we suppose to be authentic, though not official. The battles were fought with doubtful success. Santa Anna retreated to Agua Nueva, which had been abandoned by Genl. Taylor. The loss on ~~the~~ our side is represented as 400 killed and wounded, and on the part of the Mexicans, estimated at about 4000. Genl Taylor's communication with his base on the Rio Grande, is said to be cut off. Se Sprigue daily expected.

April 2.

4 Lowdery & Mann daily; some occasional 2 W. Wind. ~~(The temperature was lower and they had snow. Saturday morning the thermometer stood at 5.~~ They continue slowly on of course little news of the road.

138 Monday. Morn fair, afternoon
April 5th NNE, the day clear
until afternoon when it
snowed as the wind veered
round to the north east
and became colder.

This day an election of
County Commissioners by the
several towns in Westchester
county was numerously by con
vention attended, some
of the old Board who refused
to license taverns so far the
sale of ardent spirits. The other
side of ardent spirits the old Board
for a Board who wished
liberty to retail liquors in
citizens in which they should
think proper. The subject has
~~[illegible]~~ considerable excite
ment. The vote in this town
was found of 100 majority
for the license ticket. But the
election I think is doubtful. Should
the license system be continued
I apprehend many disorderly scenes occur
from the use of ardent spirits.

Sept. 7 Tuesday. Mon. cloudy, Tues. & We, with some fall of snow the day cloudy throughout

Rec'd a letter from Elizabeth Litchfield, Burlington, Sept. from Eliz. the little Charles unwell with a cold, She represents the country very wet, and the snow still deep & water cold, even the Lake still covered with ice. They have left the Eagle Hotel, & the Lake, & are in a private family.

Burlington, she thinks, is a pleasant place in the summer season which I believe is its character. The unerrikable severity of the weather of March prevs is not come to that place, we have no personal news only the sweet. news I am informed that the snow is now 3 or 4 feet deep in the northerly part of Vermont. — They expect to be little Charles will enjoy first rate repose; he is a perfect one cured needs the vigour lungs of Summer to restore his health & energy. They soon expect.

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April
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Wednesday. Night tolerably fair
wind N.W. since day generally
fair, but not warm. a plenty
of snow on the ground.
More than 40 days have passed
since the battle between Santa Ana
& Gen. Taylor occurred,
and, as yet, we have no official
accounts from the latter;
but the accounts of the Mexicans
are supposed to be nearly cor-
rect; but the Mexican loss is
no doubt much overrated.

April Thursday on Monterey 124

8 were killed. The day cleared
been and relieved the snow.
We have at length received Gen.
Taylor's official account of the battle
of Buena Vista, which very much
Gen. Taylor's official account of the battle
of Buena Vista, which very much
settled. The loss on his side
was estimated at about 700, and that
of the Mexicans 1500. The Genl
proposes to return to Monterey. Santa
Anna's army is said to be retreating
on San Luis Potosi in consequence.

20	8	"	"	"	"	
20	6	"	"	"	"	41
20	5	"	"	"	"	
	13					5 02
	12	Cash received this day				$ 4.02
	11	Cash on hand				$ 11 54
						$31 3 4
20	7	"	"	"	"	
20	2	"	"	"	"	
20	3	"	"	"	"	
	9	"	"	"	"	
	8	"	"	"	"	
20	3	"	"	"	"	
	6	"	"	"	"	
	5	Cash received this day				2 00
	4	Cash on hand				$ 6 34

	Brought over	21 00
June 19	to cash Paid for Eggs	$ 0 14
	to cash on hand	4 58
		$25 72

21	to cash Paid for Eggs	25
	" " " " Beef	$ 1 53
	" " " E. Williams &	7 00
	" " " E Williams	10 00
	to " " for Castor Bottles	30
	" " " " Tin Oven lags	18
	Paid " C. H Stetson	2 00
	" " " Geo Trask Cutting Hay	13
27th	Cash on hand	7 24
		$28 58

28	Cash Paid for [illegible]	$ 25
	" " " " Eggs	40
	" " " Wheat	1 44
	" " E Williams &	17 00
	" " [illegible]	1 84
	" " E Williams &	10 00
	" " for [illegible]	1 78
	for Eggs	83
	for Honey	90
	Cash on hand	6 34
		$40 24

April 9. Gen. Scott's pass on sent to him to leave New Orleans
Gen. on the 10th of March, and to be
Scott's inactive the City & Castle, without
Landing such opposition —

This day is an Annual fast, in con-
formity with the Governor's proclamation
— on account of our pro-
clamation Gathers, State habit esp. on
low Gathers, State habit esp. on
New Everyone —
My good friend L. B. London
of Hinsdale visited me a short
call on the evening. I felt of his
lame quadriceps. He has his
family with him at Wilmerdi,
came leaves to morrow morning
for home. I to Academy &

77	07	
20	8	" " " "
20	4	" " " "
20	4	" " " "
20	81	" " " "
20	4	" " " "
20	8	" " " "
20	7	Cap. my Gun for my
77	4	8	Gun on hand

Jan 8	Cash Deliv — E Williams 2	$8	00
	" " " " "		4.00
	Goodale & Ames Bill $2,50		2 50
	Hunt & Sparhawks Bill $2,25		2 25
	3 Galls Rum of E. A. Wm		
	Cash Deliv — E Williams 2	6	00
9	to Pins and soap Deliv'd E Williams		40
Paid	to ~~Cash~~ Deliv — E. H. Williams	2	50
10	to cash Paid for Oysters	3	00
	to cash Paid for Bell		20
	to cash Paid Cheese		50
	" cash Paid for Eggs		14
12	" cash Paid for Letter		19
	" " " David Wright.	5	00
	" " " for Eggs		14
	Cash on hand	6	72
		$36	79

14	to cash Paid C H Stetson	3	00
	to cash Paid for table Bell		34
	to cash Paid E Williams, 2	4	00
	to Paid A Temple for Yeast		80
	to cash Paid for Cheese		81
	" " " " Eggs		21
	" " " " Veal	1	07
16	" " " Eggs		9
19	" " Paid E Williams	11	00
		21	00

April Friday. Warm fair, 143
9 wind S.W. Some rain fell last night, lessening the snow considerably. The day ended fair.

10 Saturday. Warm fair, wind variable from E to S.W. R.M. scattering clouds & fair, gained W. & became cool. The snow nearly gone in ordinary cultivated lots.

One month has elapsed since Gen Scott invested Vera Cruz & we have nothing of the news of the siege. Many who have volunteered in this service may, perhaps, still think more sense with them to believe they are performing a duty to their country by fitting & plundering the people of a neighboring republic. Votes of our stirring for their rights & independence and only wish we to be just and day as we would be done by. But why do I pen these more considerations to wd

1887				
Dec 25	to	one Pig weight 54 pounds at 4½ cts	2	43
	to	Cash Paid Frank for killing Pig	"	50
27	"	Cash Paid P. [illegible]	90	00
28	"	Cash Paid at Wells		[illegible]
	"	Cash Paid C. Hart	1	17
29	"	Pion Pounded [illegible] butter	"	77
30	"	Cash Paid [illegible]	"	15
31	"	Cash Paid P. [illegible]	4	00
	"	Cash Paid for [illegible]	"	25
	"	Cash Paid for [illegible]		44
	"	Cash Paid for [illegible]		20
	"	Cash Paid for [illegible]		62
1888	"	Cash Paid for [illegible]		12
Jan 9	"	Cash Paid for [illegible]	1	01
	"	[illegible]	9	00
	"	[illegible] per [illegible]		35
2	"	[illegible]	5	00
3	"	[illegible]		60
4	"	[illegible]		42
	"	[illegible]	1	05
	"	[illegible] per Bread		51
7	"	" " C. Williams 2	5	00
	"	" " " Jennie Rose	2	00
	"	On hand	7	70½
			$343	7½

1828	Bro. from page 1st	29 79
Jan 12	Cash Received this day	$ 4 ...
13	" " " "	3 00
		$36 79

14	Cash on hand	6 72
	" " "	2 00
15	" " "	2 00
16		2 00
17	"	2 00
18	" " "	7 00
19	" " "	2 00
20	" "	2 00
		25 72

21	Cash on hand	4 58
	Cash Received " " "	3 00
	" " " "	7 00
22	" " " "	3 00
23	" " " "	3 00
24	" " " "	2 00
25	" " " "	3 00
26	" " " "	2 00
27	" " " "	1 00
		$28 58

1847 – Elijah Williams 2° Cr in Cont of

Dec 15.	To 1 Bbl Flour			23
" "	" Cigars			12 00
" "	" 3/ Doz Eggs – 9c			3/
" "	" 2 quarter of Beef of R. Cal			
" "	" 4 Bushels Rye of E. H. N.			4/6
" "	" ½ Tongue of [illegible]			
" "	" 2 Box. Am. Cigars			3/
19	" 11 Pounds Loaf Sugar			
"	" Hamet H. Stockbridge		6	
"	" three Gall Rum			3 00
	" one ½ Mt			50
20	" one Ball [illegible]		8	11
22	" three Gall Rum			3 00
	" to Cash Paid E. W.			0 62½
23	" Sundries E. C. Mann & Gray			" 75
	" one ½ pint Cordial & Doz Eggs		6	" 20
24	" 4 Doz and 7 eggs		6	" 64
	" 26 Pounds Beef at 4 cts			1 04
	" Pool & [illegible] Bill		6	1 56
	" 27½ Pounds turkeys at 8 cts			2 20
	" Cash Paid for 20¼ fish at 3 cts			0 61
	" 10 lb Butter of E. H. N.			
	" Cash Paid for 1 Doz and half Eggs			0 81
	" Cash Paid for 4 Eggs			[illegible]
	" Cash delivered A. Ames 2°			5 00

Elijah Williams Dr in cash a/c

1827	Cash Recd this day	
Dec 20.	" " " "	$ 0 17
21	" " " "	3 44
22	" " " "	2 18
23	" " " "	4 00
24	" " " "	5 00
25 Tab	" " " "	81. 16
27	" " " "	2 00
28	" " " "	2 00
29	" " " "	5 00
30	" " " "	4 00
"	Cash on hand	3. 37½
31	Recd this day	4 00
1828		
Jan 1	" " " "	10 00
2	" " " "	5 00
3	" " " "	3 00
4	" " " "	5 00
5	" " " "	2 00
6	" " " "	2 00
		$343 37½
7	Recd this day	$ 7 00
8	" " "	5 00
	" " "	5 00
	Cash on hand monday 7th	7 79½
11	" " Recd this day	3 00
	" " " "	2 06
		29 79

144 rapacious democracy which knows no right but power and claims it meritorious to kill & plunder than fellow men for gain & spoil.

The plans & designs of the demo-cratic leaders are daily losing their disguise; two thirds at least of the mission territory are to be conquered to aves, or the whole brought under an arbitrary yoke. In this work the nations of Europe will frown the loudest on our democracy & their best friends will most attract its severity. Already Cuba has been doomed to its fate; and it remains only to get the same

Secretary's Office
Dec 24 1857

†: To one who have vested the blessings of Democracy no proof is required to establish this fact. Already a motion has been made in Congress to authorize the levy of the island; but Democracy is

exhalating with Spain & seize on
10 the Spirit. The British provinces on
the North and East, are next to re
ceive an protestant Long, since no
land in America is to be sep
arated to numerous under the gover
nments of Europeans; and which
Devices is to limit an settlem
increachments; history may re
late. But Rome fell by her contrariness
& rapacity. so may we
11 Sunday Mornin fair, wind NW.
since fine day. with cool air
Little snow on the low grounds.
we that in detached patches.
12 Monday. Morn cloudy, wind
SW. & afterwards of snow fell:
the day generally fair but
cool.

13. Tuesday Morn cloudy,
wind N.E. first ~~snow~~ fine
afterwards Thoughout the day.
Sylvia Thoughout the day.
The day Mr Forbes family
leaving me to take residence in
my farm house, and Mr
Henry Osgood & my wife came
to residence with me.

Day

146 During the past year residing
April with Mr Yates with me I have
13. experienced the kindest concern
Deprav- tion of this due to them to say that
ity of my
family sincerely thank them for their
great attention to my wants.
The two young boys Charles &
Relief George, have afforded me
tion great amusement & learning
enlivening companions; and
the little Sweets, of twitts
rows charming the groans of the
rising world, has afforded me
~~great amusement~~. It is with regard
I pray with the whole group.
May the best of Heavens smiles
attend them

Siege of Vera Cruz We have
that the Mexicans surrounded
Inside City & battle to Gen. Scott on
of V the 29th Ult. after 3 days
bombing firing from their battlements, &c.
that 4000 men have driven their
arms to an army. Loss of our
troops 65 killed & wounded.
What rewards we are

4 April 13

to be made by Gen. Scott is doubtful; but probably Mr Polk's thus without of particular will be brought into operation and new arrangements proposed.

The capture of this port is but a small step towards the conquest of Mexico. In an revolutionary war, we did not despair of defeat while the British held New-York city, Long-Island, Philadelphia and Charleston &c. though we were but three million of people, principally inhabiting the country east of the Alleghany mountains, and without resources for war.

In the first three years of the war our prospects of success were as low as ever the Mexicans at this time. After our defeat at White plains in 1776, the British captured Washington & Hamilton with 2700 men. Washington retreated over the Delaware to New Jersey & subsequently he was driven from New Jersey & Lee within Jersey & Washington was retreated across the State and the

148 the Delaware & the Pennsylvania
April shore, with little more than
13. a rear guard. During this the
principal object of our army, the British
overrun New Jersey and established
posts on the Delaware with an im-
pression that they could hold the
country with "a Cossack guard"
In 1780 the British invaded and
took Charlestown S. Carolina,
in which was a garrison of about
5000 including militia, 2500 in
the hospitals. Reinforcements of 400
pieces of artillery were surrendered,
one of the American vessels in
the harbor destroyed. Soon after
the British overrun ~~forced~~ regain North
of the Carolinas and our land
forces were nearly annihilated.
West through the southern states were
in a times conquered, they were
at length relieved & the army driven
back to the sea coast.
If the rangers are united and
determined on defence, there is
little ground for believing they
can be conquered & subdued to our
rightful allegiance.

April 14 Wednesday Mean fair, wind N.W. to SW – Cascade clear with scattering C.
Up to this time we have had no clear or warm air, hence some patches of snow are still seen.
If my recollection serves me rest, the transitions from cold to hot are not so sudden as in former times, for which I can not readily account. That the clearing of the country of its woods should produce some at least effect on its climate is probable, but the result, appears to me doubtful.

15 Thursday. Mean cloudy. wind SW.; the day generally cloudy, but the sun occasionally gives a cool.
We have Gen. Scott's offer in account of the capitulation of Vera Cruz. The first letter of this the City, late the 22. and the last of the 29th. of the capitulation is contained in another Book (See another Book where the two connections)